

ANNUAL REPORT
and
DIRECTORY
1983 - 1984



United Methodist Women
Louisiana Conference
The United Methodist Church

1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January - March	Call to Prayer and Self Denial
January 22	UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
February 10 - 11	Mid-year Executive Committee Meeting, Bunkie
March 2	Church Women United World Day of Prayer
March 6	Task Group on District Elected Leader Training (DELT)
March 14 - 15	Church Women United State Assembly, Lake Charles
March 31	World Federation of Methodist Women, Louisiana Seminar, Alexandria
March 31	Seminar on Central America, First Church, Baton Rouge
April 13 - 15	South Central Jurisdiction Meeting, Wichita, Kansas
April 28	Meetings of Committees on Finance, Membership & Nominations
May 1 - 11	General Conference, Baltimore, Maryland
May 4	May Fellowship Day, Church Women United
June 4 - 6	Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College, Shreveport
June 11 - 15	West Gulf Regional School, SMU, Dallas
July 16 - 19	South Central Jurisdictional Conference, FUMC, Lubbock, Texas
July 19 - 23	Church Women United National Assembly, Purdue U., Lafayette, Indiana
July 24 - 27	School of Mission I, Centenary College, Shreveport
July 27 - 29	School of Christian Mission II, Centenary College, Shreveport
September 14 - 15	Conference Annual Meeting, Trinity UMC, Ruston
October 20	District Elected Leader Training, Horseshoe UMC, Alexandria
November 2	Church Women United World Community Day
November 3	Political Skills Workshop, Baton Rouge
November 16 - 17	Meeting of Committees on Program and School of Christian Mission
December 1 - 2	New Officer Training Event, New York City

1984 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

DISTRICT	DATE	LOCATION
Alexandria	October 14	Haas UMC, Bunkie
Baton Rouge - Hammond	October 7	Blackwater UMC, Baton Rouge
Baton Rouge - Lafayette	October 7	Wesley UMC, Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	October 6	First UMC, DeRidder
Monroe	October 6	Memorial UMC, Bastrop
New Orleans - Houma	October 14	Golden Meadow UMC, Golden Meadow
New Orleans - Slidell	October 6	Elizabeth Sullivan UMC, Bogalusa
Ruston	October 7	Brushwood UMC, Brushwood
Shreveport	October 14	Summergrove UMC, Shreveport

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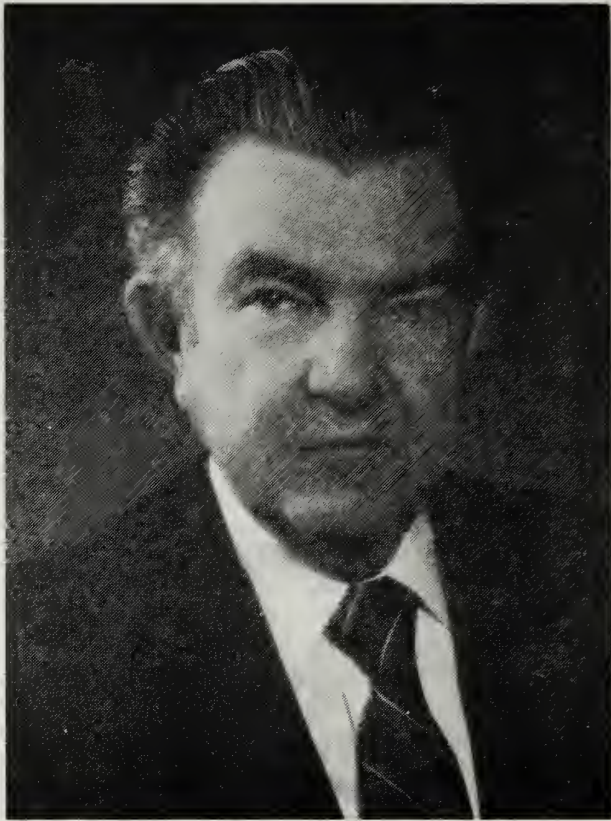
**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women honor the memory of one who was our leader and our friend. Because this man of God was attuned to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he brought strength to leadership, humility to service, untiring energy to every task, compassion to relationships, and challenge to the church and individuals. His vision led him to attempt the difficult and accomplish the impossible.

It our privilege to emulate his example as we go forward, in faith, toward a goal of Christian perfection.

This directory is lovingly dedicated to the spirit of Jesus Christ as lived by Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin.

THE OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL LOGO

The Centennial logo of United Methodist Women seeks to capture the Centennial theme of continuity in mission; yesterday, today and tomorrow. The cameo shape, the border design, and the portrait of Isabella Thoburn were copied from the delegates' badge used in 1929 at the 60th Anniversary celebrations of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. It was the first of our parent organizations, and Isabella Thoburn was its first missionary. She went to India along with Clara Swain in 1869.

The border design denotes form and structure for the organization. The stylized St. Andrew's cross proclaims our Christian motivation and commitment.

The montage of faces represents the membership of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. The three distinct faces stress the significance of each individual member of the organization as well as the collective strength of women joined together in a common PURPOSE through UNITED MTHODIST WOMEN.

PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED MTHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. (Discipline Para. 262.5, Art. 3)

PURPOSE OF WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Division shall be actively engaged in fulfilling the mission of the Church and shall interpret the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN. With continuing awareness of the concerns and responsibilities of the Church in today's world, the Women's Division shall be an advocate for the oppressed and dispossessed with special attention to the needs of women and children; shall work to build a supportive community among women; and shall engage in activities which foster growth in the Christian faith, mission education, and Christian social involvement throughout the organization. (Discipline Para. 1547)

OUR POLICY

It is against the policy of the Women's Division to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm. These lists are published for the use of the district and conference of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women and are to be used for the promotion of the work of United Methodist Women.

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 Many (39) Mrs. Marie Rayburn, 101 Progress, Many 71449
 Mitchell

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 New Light

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 Fairview (12) Mrs. Vera Jewitt, 290 Overton Brooks Road, Shreveport 71106
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 Mt. Zion (15) Mrs. Rosie L. Washington, 2940 Judson Street, Shreveport 71109
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 Wynn (38) Mrs. Mary Baucum, 3206 Fulton, Shreveport 71109
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ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT BUDGET REPORT

	1983		
	Budget	Actual	Under (Over)
Travel	7,000.00	4,813.33	2,186.67
Officer Resources	100.00	46.25	53.75
District A & MD	10,405.00	8,399.83	2,005.17
Jurisdiction A & MD	1,278.00	1,278.00	
Regional School of Christian Mission	3,000.00	2,987.55	12.45
Conference School of Christian Mission	5,000.00	8,579.27	(3,579.27)
Annual Meeting	1,200.00	1,667.18	(467.18)
District Elected Leadership Training	1,200.00	1,150.42	49.58
Church Related Meetings	150.00	20.99	129.01
Retreat	400.00	(624.45)	1,024.45
Itineration of Charter Implement. Com.	500.00	287.60	212.36
Assembly Cumulation	1,400.00	1,400.00	
Jurisdiction Meeting, 1984 Cumulation	600.00	600.00	
Church Women United Assembly Cum.	250.00	250.00	
National Seminar, 1983, Cumulation	250.00	250.00	
Other Special Meetings	150.00	305.88	(155.88)
Conference Directory	1,500.00	1,151.66	348.34
Newsletter	3,000.00	2,950.42	49.58
Postage	900.00	488.72	411.28
Office Supplies & Mimeographing	750.00	702.67	47.33
Telephone	950.00	364.63	585.37
Audit	500.00	500.00	
Honors & Memorials	300.00	275.00	25.00
Church Women United	250.00	250.00	
Unanticipated Opportunities	300.00	54.68	245.32
Totals	<u>\$41,333.00</u>	<u>\$38,149.67</u>	<u>\$ 3,183.33</u>
Remitted to Women's Division to decrease withholding to 17%			<u>2,044.50</u>
Pledge			
Administration and Membership Development Balance			\$ 1,138.83

BALANCE SHEET - 12-31-83

Washington Bank - Snap Checking Account	\$12,757.03	
Washington Bank - Ready Cash Account	6,208.58	
Estelle Dameron Scholarship Fund		\$ 1,671.95
Jurisdiction Cumulative Fund		1,338.87
CMU Ecumenical Assembly Cumulative Fund		688.50
National Seminar Cumulative Fund		175.00
Assembly Cumulative Fund		1,400.00
Retreat		100.00
Audio Visual Fund		745.94
Interest on RCA Acct. less Service Charge		88.32
Special Conference A & MD Fund		7,504.85
Excess for Future Programming		<u>5,252.18</u>
	<u>\$18,965.61</u>	<u>\$18,965.61</u>

DISTRICT RECEIPTS 1983

	ALEX.	BR-H	BR-L	L.C.	MONROE	NO-H	NO-S	RUSTON	S'PORT	CONF.	Totals
	\$18,700.00	\$22,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$19,500.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.99	\$32,000.00	\$204,450.00	
Pledge to Missions	16,450.60	22,666.14	21,775.45	27,451.45	19,107.20	19,678.36	22,226.46	21,263.64	34,803.96		205,403.26
SNR & GIM	846.50	2,255.00	1,175.00	2,685.00	1,240.00	1,890.00	1,655.00	1,720.00	2,595.00		17,031.50
In Rem. & Memorials	110.00	340.00	275.00	190.00	30.00	125.00	130.00	247.00	1,750.00		1,750.00
World Thank Offering	853.21	1,278.23	847.18	2,740.24	669.20	911.65	1,596.56	1,153.02	858.81		11,108.10
Giving on Behalf		100.00				91.88					191.88
Retiring Con. Officers	189.54	165.00	173.75	387.77	225.00	132.50	285.00	286.00	270.00	-795.00	1,359.56
Mission Candle	1,044.32	1,110.30	893.07	1,371.52	1,078.32	914.63	952.07	587.94	1,745.68		9,697.82
TOTAL ON PLEDGE	19,494.17	27,914.67	25,119.45	34,825.98	22,549.72	23,744.02	26,815.06	25,257.60	40,409.45	420.00	246,550.12
Call to Prayer	830.99	1,716.20	1,936.15	2,130.41	1,619.27	1,366.46	1,519.34	1,571.78	1,837.93		14,528.53
Special Emphasis	10.00	575.00		97.00	1,254.00	414.24	365.00	30.00	242.25		2,957.49
World Missions		70.00	30.25	1,550.00	102.50	25.00	15.00		1,500.00		4,228.60
National Missions	24.00	1,735.26	980.00	2,899.45	1,068.75	1,311.40	422.00	751.00	535.00		10,214.36
UNCOR		26.73	30.00	346.00	70.00	15.45	25.00	5.00	1,742.00		2,739.05
Centennial Cel.		22.24	198.00	540.63			68.00	392.00	198.00		2,243.87
Crusade Scholarship				250.00				31.50			281.50
Transient	500.00	2,179.51	84.00	377.43	449.00	356.15	2,165.41	495.00	122.45	182.50	6,789.00
LMCF	72.80	145.00		178.95	114.50	15.00	62.25	70.25	60.00	56.00	781.20
Directory	6.00	24.00	40.00	53.00	46.00	12.00	14.00	33.00		33.00	344.00
Conference A&M	467.00	675.00	899.00	1,285.10	573.90	516.25	853.25	590.50	1,409.35	33.00	7,302.35
Dameron Scholarship	110.00		25.00	150.00		75.00	95.00	163.00	81.00	40.00	739.00
GRAND TOTALS	21,514.96	35,083.61	29,341.85	44,682.95	27,847.64	27,850.97	30,253.90	31,061.04	48,632.43	3,429.72	299,699.07

1. Women's Division received a \$25 SNRP order from a local unit.

2. Total Applied to Pledge - \$211,793.32

Withheld \$34,756.50 - 17% of Pledge of \$204,450.00

3. Mothers of Virginia Aswell & Anne Hearn, father of Lottie Palazzo, and Bishop Shamblin

1984 DISTRICT PLEDGES

Alexandria	\$19,635
Baton Rouge-H	24,000
Baton Rouge-L	23,000
Lake Charles	32,000
Monroe	21,000
New Orleans-H	20,000
New Orleans-S	24,200
Ruston	23,000
Shreveport	35,200

EXPENSE GUIDELINES

Louisiana Conference Executive Committee United Methodist Women (Amended 9/79)

United Methodist Women recognize the need to be an inclusive group and to have elected leaders who represent a diversity of age, race, economic background, and status of employment. To make this possible, a Budget for Conference Administration and Membership Development is approved annually to provide expenses for those chosen to serve in leadership positions. The following guidelines for reimbursement (along with the Conference Budget) seek to expand the concept of what it means to be in mission.

Expense vouchers are available from the Conference Treasurer and should be filled out in full when applying for reimbursement and submitted to the Conference President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Expenses for specific meetings should be turned in at the close of that meeting, if possible, or not later than the next week.

Leaders are advised to submit all legitimate expenses for doing their job well. If someone cares to donate supplies or services which normally would be covered under these guidelines, she is asked to submit those charges and then endorse the check (or refund part of it) directly to the Conference Treasurer.

Conference officers are asked to pay their own registration fees to Conference events without reimbursement. She is often expected to pay her own room, meal, and travel expenses and then turn that amount in for reimbursement. If this arrangement causes personal hardship, a cash advance to cover expected costs may be requested from the Conference Treasurer.

Every call letter or written announcement of upcoming events requiring 'official participation' of conference leaders shall mention further specific plans for financial arrangements not delineated herein (such as whether the individual leaders will pay or sign for meals and lodging.)

The following limitations should be noted:

A. TRAVEL EXPENSES

1. Mileage shall be reimbursed at a rate of 13 cents a mile. Whenever possible, members from the same district or area should form a carpool - to be coordinated by district presidents.

2. Lodging may be reimbursed at a rate up to \$10 per person per day.

3. Meals for any 24-hour period will be reimbursed at a rate of \$10 per day (to be divided between meals as desired). Meals for events that last less than one day will be reimbursed at a rate up to \$2.00 for breakfast, \$4.00 for lunch, and \$4.00 for supper.

B. OFFICER RESOURCES

Materials which are necessary for information and execution of your job (such as Service Center publications) may be purchased and become the property of the Conference organization. Most of this material should be maintained in the files you keep and pass on to successors. Utmost care should be taken that we do not needlessly duplicate materials which cover overlapping concerns of other leaders.

C. OPERATING EXPENSES

- Postage, office supplies, mimeographing charges, long-distance telephone charges, and other miscellaneous charges are allowable. The use of professional secretarial services and large numbers of Xerox-type copies are discouraged.

ADOPTED BUDGET - 1984

PLEDGE TO MISSION

\$215,000.00

ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

A.	Travel Expenses (Mileage, room, board, insurance for Executive Committee events within our Conference)	\$7000.00
B.	Officer Resources (Service Center, etc.)	100.00
C.	District Administration & Membership Development	11105.00
D.	Jurisdiction Administration & Membership Development	1343.75
E.	Schools of Christian Mission	
1.	Regional	3000.00
2.	Conference	5000.00
F.	Programs and Events Within Our Conference	
1.	Annual Meeting	1500.00
2.	District Elected Leadership Training	1200.00
3.	Church Related Meetings	150.00
4.	Retreat 1985	100.00
G.	Attendance at Regional and National Events	
1.	Assembly, 1986 (Cumulative for 4 years)	1400.00
2.	Jurisdiction Meeting, 1984 (Cumulative for 4 years)	600.00
3.	Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly (Cumulative - 4yrs.	250.00
4.	National Seminar (Cumulative for 4 years)	250.00
5.	Other Special Meetings	300.00
H.	Operating Expenses	
1.	Conference Directory	1750.00
2.	Newsletter	3000.00
3.	Postage	900.00
4.	Office Supplies & Mimeographing	750.00
5.	Telephone	750.00
6.	Audit	500.00
7.	Honors and Memorials	300.00
I.	Church Women United	250.00
J.	Unanticipated Opportunities	300.00
	TOTAL A & MD BUDGET	\$41798.75

TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET

\$256,798.75

Amount to be withheld to equal 15% of Pledge

\$32,250.00

Amount to be used from anticipated income from A & MD gifts

9548.75
\$41,798.75

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Mid-Year Committee Meeting
February 11-12, 1983**

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women met February 11-12, 1983, at Plantation Manor Motor Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Nell Read, President.

Others present were Lou Alexander, Ruth Allen, Virginia Aswell, Mary Margaret Barr, Helen Brock, Ruth H. Brown, Margaret Burris, Johnnye Butler, Betty Carlin, Nancy Carruth, Beth Clements, Pat Cobb, Georgie Dunbar, Marian Eggerton, Ola B. Fisher, Mary Lou France, Maria Gremillion, Fran Hall, Olivia G. Harris, Anne Hearn, Janet Hoffpauir, Patty Lindsay, Janelle McCammon, Judy McFarland, Lou Medlock, Margaret Mielke, Jackie Morgan, Wanda Nelson, Lottie Palazzo, Taylor Phillip, Jane Scott, Linda Shepard, Alberta Springer, Amy Ward, Norma Winegeart, Bea Moak, and Betty Rowell.

In the absense of the secretary Evelyn Evans, Janet Hoffpauir recorded the proceedings and filed complete written reports submitted by each officer and chairperson to the president, vice president, and secretary.

Ola Fisher, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood, shared with the group selections from **MOMENTS OF WORSHIP** by Mollie Stamm.

APPOINTMENTS - Nell appointed Lottie Palazzo and Taylor Phillip to examine the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE - Nell shared a letter which had been mailed to all local presidents from Women's Division President Ruth Daugherty and Theresa Hoover, Executive Secretary of the Women's Division. It included the following reminders: (1) that the Bicentennial of Methodism and the Centennial of United Methodist Women are two separate observances; (2) that clergywomen events are not the financial responsibility of United Methodist Women; (3) that Advance Specials are a giving channel of the church as a whole as contrasted with Supplemental Gifts, a channel of giving for United Methodist Women; (4) that requests for UMW funds from within the conference are many and should be reviewed carefully.

The Conference President also stated she would share with anyone interested a letter from Lois Kohler, former Women's Division Regional staff member who is now serving as an over seas missionary, as well as the official rebuttal to the recent attack on the United Methodist Church on "60 Minutes".

TREASURER'S REPORT - Wanda Nelson reported that last year's conference Pledge to Missions was overpaid by \$8,000.

A total of \$14,946.86 was transferred from the previous treasurer to a SNAP checking account, which earns interest weekly based on Treasury Bills, is free of service charges as long as a \$2500 balance is maintained, and allows 550 checks per year. Interest earned in January, 1983, equalled \$54.47.

Districts have received approximately one half of their requested 1983 Administration and Membership Development budgets. The remainder will be given to them after first quarter financial reports have been submitted.

All members of the executive committee were requested by the treasurer and auditor to promptly submit vouchers, verified by receipt when possible. The president noted that Alberta Springer, CPA, has audited the conference financial records for the past two years at significant savings to the conference.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Jackie Morgan reported the committee had just completed their first official meeting in which they set goals for the year, got an overview of the tasks before them for 1983, and discussed how the UMW Executive Committee should be an inclusive organization.

MEMBERSHIP - Fran Hall, Chairperson, Committee on Membership, shared highlights of the year in membership and the following goals of the Conference Membership Committee: 100% participation in UMW Sunday; 10% increase in conference membership; nurture and support of current members with special interest and concern for uninterested or inactive members; organizing at least one new unit in each district; and promotion of the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarships.

She announced that January 22, 1984, will be our next UMW Sunday, and that **RESPONSE** magazine featured our UMW Sunday idea. All present were given a miniature standard highlighting the membership theme, "Called to Grow".

PROGRAM RESOURCES - No report because of the absence of Sara Fugler.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY - Lottie Palazzo commented that she had been attending quite a few meetings required of this conference office and recommended that the Committee on Nominations advise all who are offered jobs that there will be many meetings she will be expected to attend if elected.

She asked for assistance in attempting to locate and contact all active and retired missionaries from our Conference as well as in notifying Rev. Don Cottrill of any local United Methodist youth who is enrolled in college so that he may forward this information to the appropriate campus ministers.

Birthday calendars were distributed so that members of the Conference Executive Team could remember each other on their special day. The following additions and corrections were made: February 5, Janelle McCammon; March 25, Marian Eggerton; August 21, Lou Medlock; October 6, Margaret Burris; November 18, Patti Lindsay; December 17, Betty Carlin.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT - Taylor Phillip is preparing a mailing to be sent to all district counterparts including follow-up ideas for the Conference World Development Workshop, suggestions for dealing with social issues, and the Infoserv number. Conference and district subscriptions to Impact have been received. On March 13-16 Taylor will be attending the Eleventh Annual Impact/Washington Interreligious Staff Council Meeting in Washington, D.C., to be briefed on issues before Congress.

CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS - Anne Hearn reported one of her most gratifying tasks of the year was presenting the World Hunger Scholarship Fund as the Annual Meeting offering recipient, resulting in more than \$1,800 collected. During the year she participated with the Women's Division in the preparation of a new workbook for Conference Coordinators of Christian Global Concerns, and included part of this new workbook dealing with developing communication, management, teaching, and listening skills in her District Elected Leaders' Training session.

In addition to several previous mailings this year, Anne plans one for March 1 including materials on Central American Week and replies to Reader's Digest and 60 Minutes on the work of the National and World Council of Churches.

A report on the recent World Development Workshop which Anne chaired follows later.

CHRISTIAN PERSONHOOD - Ola Fisher expressed her thankfulness for the opportunity to be of service in this area. She and her district counterparts are working to improve communication with the local units.

DIRECTORY/ANNUAL REPORT - The new directories, prepared by Evelyn Evans, were distributed. In a written note, Evelyn expressed appreciation to Ruth Carter's family for supplying the dedicatory photograph and asked the Executive Committee for any corrections. The following were noted:

p. 3, South Central Jurisdiction UMW Officers - President's address is P.O. Box 535, Clarksville, AR 72830; Treasurer Mary Harwell has remarried and now lives in Brownsville, Tx, Louisiana Annual Conference Secretary is Rev. Harvey Williamson;

p. 7, Jackie Morgan, 226 Ft. Jackson, Belle Chasse 70037;

p.9, add Bea Morrow to Retreat Task Group;

p. 13, Baton Rouge-Lafayette District President's telephone number is 318-989-9106;

p. 19, New Orleans-Slidell District, Sub District Leader II is Mrs. Burl Dampier, West Beach Street, Ponchatoula, LA 70454;

p. 20, Last line, Beth Clements' phone is 318-263-2996.

It was suggested that future directories be edited by a committee that could check inconsistencies and misinformation submitted by the many people providing data for the directory. It was also suggested that a larger staple be used in the future. Amy Ward requested that in the future names in the directory be listed using women's first name with husband's name parenthetically, as Jane (Mrs. John) Smith. A discussion followed but no vote was taken.

VICE PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart, in listing her name conference activities since election in September, stated she could already see her job was fun and rewarding and a lot of work. Her major work will be reviewed under Committee on Program.

PRESIDENT - President Nell Read had good news and bad. In comparing the evaluation statistics of 1982 to the previous year, this year we had 5 less units, 1500 less members, but 32 more units reporting. Lake Charles and Baton Rouge-Lafayette Districts were commended for 100% reporting.

Triumphs for 1982 included good Call to Prayer participation; Legislative Training Event; UMW participation in Conference Mission Events; Headquarters Building contributions totalling \$5,479.79; CWU State Assembly; National Quadrennial Assembly in Philadelphia with over 100 attending from Louisiana; excellent School of Christian Mission; Ethnic Minority Leadership Development Workshop; excellent program and record attendance at Conference Annual Meeting; District Annual Meetings and other district events; District Elected Leaders Training; Financial Promotion Workshop; World Development Workshop; good communication via Conference and District newsletters; learning, growing, maturing leadership.

Some trials leading to stumbling are missed deadlines that made the work of others more difficult; poor communications when meetings were cancelled or changed; minutes of all events should be in hands of committee members in 2 weeks; difficulties in meeting expense guidelines.

Nell noted, "Our spirit is good, our motives are pure; our actions need to be sharpened in order to be good servants of the Lord".

DISTRICT REPORTS - Reports are on file from each district, including details of the following highlights:

SHREVEPORT - Linda Shepherd reported \$10,000 paid above the district pledge; two sessions of leadership training with theme of "A Tale of Soup and Talents"; a follow-up CSRI/Legislative Training workshop.

RUSTON - Mary Margaret Barr reported loss of 3 units last year, but already have a date set and plans to organize a new unit soon. She shared their goals and program plans, including on-going increase in personal and newsletter promotion of important events (which has already resulted in an increase of attendance). The pledge was overpaid.

NEW ORLEANS - SLIDELL - Pat Cobb shared a District Mini Newsletter for February, 1983, filled with exciting plans. Among other things, she rejoiced in a large increase in Conference School of Christian Mission attendance (9 on scholarships), the District Annual Meeting with Marta Sanfiel as speaker, the Bi-District Peace Rally with over 450 in attendance, as well as overpaying the district pledge and an increase in undesignated giving.

NEW ORLEANS - HOUMA - Margaret Mielke reported on five leadership training events in 1982 which reached 29 of 37 active units, reactivating 2 units, a CSI workshop, and the District Annual Meeting in the form of a Legislative Training Workshop, featuring two state legislators. The District Pledge was overpaid and 86% of evaluations returned.

LAKE CHARLES - Betty Carlin, calling herself "new kid on the block," highlighted their District Retreat, 45 district studies, and 21 units sent representatives to the Conference School of Christian Mission. The district pledge was greatly overpaid and all units sent in their evaluations.

MONROE - Bea Moak said the district executive committee was making progress on their goal to visit each unit and rejoiced that they had been among the districts overpaying their pledge. Mabel McGuire was an excellent, inspirational speaker for their Annual Meeting and the attendance was a record high of 71. However, they hope to increase attendance even more next year at this event and others, including Conference School of Christian Mission.

BATON ROUGE - LAFAYETTE - "This has been a very good year for our district," said Janelle McCammon. Among many worthwhile activities of the year were an annual retreat, a legislative workshop, and Local Leaders' Training. A membership increase, 100% reporting on evaluations, overpaying the pledge, increased attendance at leadership training, and 20 units increasing pledges in 1982 were all good news. During the next year programming, particularly for the small church, will be a primary concern.

BATON ROUGE - HAMMOND - Lou Alexander reported one new unit, one lost unit, and the 1982 pledge overpaid. Three Financial Workshops are scheduled for the district as well as "A Day at the Legislature." Maryruth Nickels, Women's Division Regional Staff

person, will be the Annual Meeting Speaker.

ALEXANDRIA - President Georgia Dunbar noted that a recount of active units in her district netted only 26 active units, 8 less than previously reported. The district participated in a wide variety of events, overpaid their pledge to missions, and increased the pledge for next year.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM - Norma Winegeart presented the following goals for 1983:

- I. EMPHASIZE THE BIBLICAL BASIS AND MANDATE FOR MISSION AND PROVIDE INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION FOR LOCAL UNITS TO BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC MISSION ENDEAVORS BY DECEMBER, 1984, BY:**
 - A. increasing commitment and concern for peace with justice for all persons with each local unit presenting a program by December, 1983.
 - B. having a mission bulletin board in each local church for information and update.
 - C. promoting "The Excellence of Studies Program" for disciplined Bible study and mission education.
 - D. encouraging each local unit to send at least one person to the Conference School of Christian Mission.
- II. IMPLEMENT THE CHARTER OF RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES BY:**
 - A. itinerating the nine districts introducing "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding."
 - B. increasing efforts to recruit black and other ethnic minority leadership.
- III. CELEBRATE OUR CENTENNIAL ERA WITH SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP EMPHASIS BY:**
 - A. encouraging each local unit to increase membership by 10% during 1983.
 - B. observing United Methodist Womens's Sunday using "Called to Grow" theme and materials.
 - C. organizing at least one new unit in each district by December, 1983.
- IV. EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR GOOD STEWARDSHIP BY:**
 - A. encouraging each local unit to increase the pledge to mission by at least 5% and try to meet a goal of 10% increase.
 - B. giving local women information on how their mission dollars are spent.
 - C. presenting a follow-up on the Financial Promotion Workshop in each district.
- V. PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL LEARNING/GROWING EXPERIENCES:**
 - A. National Seminar, August 12-19, 1983; with subsequent follow-up in conference and districts.
 - B. Conference Leadership Workshop, January 27-28-29, 1984.
 - C. Conference Christian Disciplines Workshop, February 22-23-24, 1985.
 - D. Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat, 1985.

VI. ENCOURAGE ONGOING EMPHASES BY:

- A. presenting a follow-up on World Development Workshop in each district.
- B. promoting Estelle Dameron Scholarships, giving at least 20 scholarships for 1983 School of Christian Mission.
- C. continuing supportive contacts with missionaries and deaconesses related to the Louisiana Conference.
- D. continuing to promote the Reading Program with special emphasis on ethnic minority material.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - The theme of the 1983 School will be "Live Simply - Simply Live." Dean Johnnye Butler announced the following areas of study and teachers: "Luke," taught by Mrs. Mary Lou Blakeman; "The World's Uprooted," taught by Rev. David Billings, Mrs. Florence Isaacs, Mr. Roy Katayama; "The Voices of Central Africa," taught by Rev. Robert Storey, Mrs. Geneva Williams, Mrs. Helen Storbeck, and Mrs. Leora Trice. Nora Figg will be in charge of music; Eleine Phillips will be Coordinator for Audio Visuals. Fran Hall will head the Resource/Learning Center, assisted by Marian Eggerton.

Baton Rouge-Lafayette District has been requested to provide coffee for mid-morning breaks.

The Dean announced a change in registration procedures this year. Both housing and registration forms are to be sent to Registrar Amy Ward.

Honoraria for weekday teachers is \$100; weekend teachers, \$60; weekday nurse, \$60; weekend nurse, \$40; Audio Visuals person, \$100; Music Director and Pianist, \$100 each.

The weekend school will be held first beginning July 15, followed by the weekday session. A Fellowship Evening under direction of Lottie Palazzo is planned for the second night of each school.

The committee had a request from Joyce Hamlin to add a workshop designed to sharpen political skills; but the schedule was already filled to capacity at the time of the request.

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS - Chairperson Lou Alexander reported the group has not yet functioned except for her individual efforts because no job description has been developed. Lou was asked to name and convene a small group, including Anne Hearn, geographically centered at Baton Rouge, to draw up tentative guidelines to submit to the executive committee. Several from the body requested a hotline network be developed for passing on critical issues.

Lou highlighted Impact and how important and easy it is to respond to issues.

IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER - Amy Ward distributed copies of the committee's new publication, "Opening Doors to Racial/Ethnic Understanding," which was designed to help make the charter "alive" for local groups. This committee asked each district executive committee to invite them to come and spend a couple of hours exploring the contents and possibilities for use. Baton Rouge-Lafayette District asked for and received permission to also invite local presidents to this meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING - Helen Brock reported that the theme of the September 16-17,

1983, annual meeting in Baton Rouge will be "Committed to Mission -- Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," and will be designed to help Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women celebrate the Centennial Era. Ruth Daugherty, President of Women's Division, will be the featured speaker at the banquet and Saturday morning, and will install the officers at the end of her second address. The opening worship will be a festive occasion with banners supplied by each district, a processional, and musical instruments. The offering received at the meeting will be divided as follows: 1/2 among the 4 Louisiana projects and 1/2 to the Centennial Celebration Fund. The 3-candle offering in honor of United Methodist Women past, present, and future will be sent for undesignated mission.

Friday afternoon will feature small "Tea 'N Talk" groups, with each of the 11 conference officers (with their District Counterparts) and the Editor-Public Relations Coordinator setting up displays, providing resources, and having informal presentations pointing up their individual lines of responsibility and relationship to the whole organization. Participants will move freely among the groups, similar to an open house.

Registration will be \$3.00. The headquarters hotel will be Baton Rouge Hilton. Banquet will cost \$12 and be at the Hilton. Cooky Coffey, Baton Rouge First Church local president and Local Arrangements Chairperson will entertain the Committee with a shrimp boil at her home on Thursday evening.

A tour of the new Louisiana United Methodist Headquarters Building will be available Friday morning.

Helen moved that Ruth Daugherty be our Special Cultivation Opportunity for the year and thus her expenses would be paid by the Women's Division. All approved.

Helen also moved and all agreed that Estelle Dameron and Molly McKenzie, Local Arrangements Co-chairpersons, be added to the Annual Meeting Program Committee.

FINANCE - Wanda Nelson presented the following recommendations from the Finance Committee: (1) that the Insurance policy for travel be renewed for the coming year, with the rate and benefits staying the same; (2) that the Expense Guidelines be adjusted to allow reimbursement for meals at a rate not to exceed \$2.50 for breakfast, \$5.50 for lunch, and \$7.00 for dinner whenever the event was held at a pre-selected site which made the previous guidelines inadequate; (3) that a \$100 Special Mission Recognition be awarded Mrs. Laskey, the only Louisiana woman to become President of the Women's Division, at the Annual Conference; (4) that the offerings at annual meeting be divided as recommended previously by the Annual Meeting Program Committee; (5) that Shirley Hoffpauir be commended for a job well done as Conference Treasurer for the last three years. All passed unanimously.

Wanda announced that a Centennial Celebration Fund brochure will be distributed in School and Annual Meeting packers and mailed to all local treasurers. The Centennial Fund recipients will be announced in April.

The body adjourned for the evening and reconvened Saturday morning with worship led by Ola Fisher, who emphasized that meeting human need and showing Christian love is not optional but rather a mandate.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADER'S TRAINING - Norma Winegeart reported for Shirley Hoffpauir, Chairperson, and Julia Heard, co-chairperson, that plans are being made for DELT. Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria has been

asked to host the October 15, 1983, meeting. The theme will be "Called to Grow." All members of District Committees on Nominations will be invited.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - Anne Hearn chaired the World Development Workshop January 27-29, 1983, which had 59 full-time and 14 part-time registrants and dealt extensively with global mission and its nature in developing countries. She said the program design allowed all to participate in three workshop: "Illiteracy and Education in Developing Countries," led by Rev. Chris Andrews; "World Hunger," led by Dr. Bill Patrick and World Hunger Scholarship students; "Science and Technology in Developing Countries," led by Florence Isaacs. Plenaries dealing with the continuing effects of racism on developing African nations and the situations in Third World Countries which produced large movements of refugees were led by Marilyn Winters, Women's Division vice president, and Dr. Paul Morton of United Methodist Committee on Relief. Dr. Woodrow Hearn spoke of the World Council of Churches through a television tape which is now available for use by interested parties. Many participants indicated they had received much new and timely information which could be shared with local churches and other United Methodist Women.

RETREAT - Marian Eggerton and Amy Ward, dressed in green Seashore Methodist Assembly t-shirts, reported that exciting plans had been made for the March 18-20, 1983 Conference Retreat. Leaders Carol Winn and Elise Eslinger have been working together by phone; Amy and Marian have checked arrangements at Seashore Assembly grounds. Plans have been made to have the closing worship and lunch on the beach, if weather permits. Slides have been requested of local presidents showing United Methodist Women engaged in mission.

COMMISSION ON STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN - Betty Rowell reported that this group has been involved in a number of endeavors, including sponsoring providing child-care at Annual Conference and a Woman In the Pulpit Sunday motion which passed at last year's Annual Conference. A primary concern continues to be the assimilation of women at all levels of policy and decision-making in the church. A Special Women's Observance during the Bicentennial Celebration in 1984 is on the agenda of the commission.

EDITOR-PUBLIC RELATIONS - Nancy Carruth reported the recent edition of the Conference UMW newsletter featuring the retreat was a page shorter than usual. Although this saved money, she stated, it was certainly an excellent opportunity for publicity missed. This January newsletter is the one issue which usually allows the most room for general promotion should be utilized by each planning area.

The School edition is in the making; deadline for all submittals is April 1.

Since the cost of mailing each copy is now 5.2 cents, Nancy requested any known address changes, as well as names and addresses of people who would like to begin receiving the newsletter.

DEAN/ASSISTANT DEAN TRAINING EVENT - Lottie Palazzo expressed thankfulness that she had the opportunity to attend this event in New York City on October 4-5, 1982. She echoed the sentiments of those previously attending this event, that our school is really an outstanding one. She pointed out that the Women's Division refers to any school which lasts less than four days, or has less than eight hours for each class, as a

“Mission Event” and that technically our weekend school falls into that category. There were many deans and assistant deans present at training representing conferences which have cooperative schools. They pointed out that when men are in attendance at school the approach must be more inclusive.

Lottie mentioned that ministers in our conference have been asking if they could get continuing education credit for participating in the school. The Board of Ordained Ministry is in charge of this decision.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS TRAINING - Jackie Morgan reported on three long days and nights of training in Cincinnati. The 1978 Louisiana Task Group booklet on Strengthening the Committee on Nominations had helped her “get ahead of the game” before she went—and other conferences really wanted copies. She was glad to announce that next year the chairperson plus 1/3 of the entire committee will be invited to attend the training event.

NEW OFFICER TRAINING EVENT - Norma Winegeart reported that Taylor Phillip, Wanda Nelson, and she had flown together to New York for the December 2-5, 1982, training. When they arrived, they were given a survival kit especially prepared for them by the Women’s Division for the big city living. She stated getting to know the faces of people associated with the women’s division who had previously been just a name was the greatest benefit of the training.

Wanda Nelson was most impressed by the meticulous way the money we submit was handled when it gets to New York, including the way it is deposited immediately to earn maximum interest. She said the Women’s Division gave the treasurers a personal self study manual to prepare them for their tasks, which was to be completed and returned.

Taylor Phillip said she found herself in the group which had the largest turnover because Coordinators of Christian Social Involvement are labelled as troublemakers. Her training was led by Barbara Weaver and Marilyn Winters, who pointed out that CSI coordinators should be given the opportunity for development of a wider variety of skills and should be called on to give devotions, among other tasks.

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES - Amy Ward reported the Board was in the midst of restructuring into Women’s Division, National Division, World Division, and Program Departments including UMCOR and Health and Welfare. She sees that greater efficiency will be the result. A highlight of the October meeting was the commissioning of 77 missionaries, including a couple going to minister to Americans in Russia and a Korean missionary coming to the United States. Amy reported the Board voted to become a plaintiff with the Presbyterian Church against President Reagan and Executive Order 12333, which lifts restraints on surveillance of missionaries. During the Women’s Division meeting, an hour-long dialogue with women in the Pacific was held via satellite communication.

Other news from the Women’s Division was that the 1986 Assembly will be in Anaheim, California, and St. Mark’s Community Center in New Orleans will receive \$90,000 for renovations which are in progress.

MEETING OF NATIONAL MISSION AGENCIES - Anne Hearn noted this December, 1982, meeting was the largest ever of national mission agencies because so many agencies are in crisis, both because they were serving more people in crisis as well as because of federal funding cuts. In the recent past, federal funds accounted for 80% of

their budgets and only 4-5% came from the churches. But it was cleared they expected and needed the church to take up the slack caused by the federal cuts; the bonus would be they would be freed of government restraints, they said. Anne participated in two workshops dealing with families in crisis—one touching refugees in America and the other on Social Security problems.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - Janet Hoffpaur announced a meeting of the committee scheduled for Trinity Church in Alexandria on April 16. At that time the group will primarily study the changes in Women's Division bylaws between last quadrennium and this one.

NATIONAL SEMINAR - Nell Read announced that 3 names have been submitted to attend the National Seminar in Chicot, California, on August 12-19, 1983. They are conference representative Taylor Phillip, district representative Bea Morrow, and local representative Patti Lindsay. In addition, the jurisdiction had asked us to send the name of a 16-year-old nominee to attend the Seminar; and our nominee, Paula Milo, was chosen.

CONFERENCE AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY - Two issues of Response Magazine have been recorded on audio tape for the visually impaired, and they will soon be available in the Conference AV library. It was also announced that the additional \$479.79 that was collected over the \$5,000 raised for the Headquarters Building and furnishing the Audio-visual room has been earmarked for audio -visuals. Anne Hearn is in charge of the selection of these new materials.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - Janelle McCammon was chosen to chair the January, 1984, Leadership Development Workshop, and Fran Hall will be co-chairperson.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL SEMINAR OF WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN - On May 20-21, 1983, the Southern Regional spinoff of the North American Area Seminar will be held in Jackson, Mississippi. We are allowed 8 delegates and the names of those attending must be submitted by April 10. The sponsoring denomination is responsible for a \$15 registration for each, as well as room, board, and travel. After much discussion about funds, Norma Winegeart moved the conference pay room and registration, with other expenses the responsibility of the delegate. The motion passed. Delegates chosen were Elsie Terral, Norma Winegeart, Lottie Palazzo, and Mary Margaret Barr; Melanie Scott-Welch was chosen as the first alternate and one additional alternate was to be chosen by the Conference President.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITIONS - Special Mission Recognition pins were to be ordered for Anne Hearn, who chaired the World Development Workshop as well as for the School Dean and Retreat Chairperson. The group voted unanimously to give the \$100 SMRP awarded annual at Annual Conference to Marta Sanfiel.

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Helen Brock moved that the Annual Meeting Program Task Group be renamed a committee to show the implications of an on-going group and allow the choices of chairpersons, speakers, and emphases of meetings to be decided on in advance. The motion passed.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED - The 1983 Annual Meeting of Louisiana CWU will be in Ruston on March 9-10. Our delegates are the Vice President and Coordinator for Supportive Community.

WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL - Ola Fisher, representative to the Regional School planning team, asked for responses to questionnaires which she had distributed to Regional School participants before she attends the next planning meeting on March 5. Anne Hearn spoke to confirm the value of responding since her comments last year had been incorporated into the school.

Ola suggested an article appear in the Conference newsletter to explain who goes to Regional School & what the purpose is.

A letter from Rubye Lee Jackson asked for 3 nominees to the West Gulf Regional School Committee which reflected the diversity within the conference. The group unanimously chose Taylor Phillip, Norma Winegeart, and Anne Hearne.

JURISDICTION MEETING - Nell called for nominees to the South Central Jurisdiction Meeting of United Methodist Women on April 13-15, 1984, in Wichita, Kansas. After reviewing Standing Rules governing their selection, the following were chosen: Nell Read, Fran Hall, Norma Winegeart, Wanda Nelson, Evelyn Evans, and Taylor Phillip. Lottie Palazzo is first alternate; Ola Fisher is second alternate.

WOMEN'S DIVISION NOMINEES - After several names were suggested, Pat Cobb moved that the group contact these persons and secure their permission before any were elected at the School of Christian Mission Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded but failed to receive a majority vote. Anne Hearn, Elizabeth Thomas, and Janelle McCammon were then chosen by written ballot; Ola Fisher was chosen as an alternate.

ADDING MACHINE - The Treasurer reported that her large, outdated adding machine was no longer functional, and she requested permission to purchase a small calculator with tape. Anne Hearn moved, Georgie Dunbar seconded, that Wanda be allowed to choose and purchase a calculator. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSING - Nell Read led the group in thoughts based on the scripture, "Study to show thyself approved..." and closed the meeting with prayer.

Janet Hoffpaur, Acting Secretary

Nell Read, President

Examiners:
Lottie Palazzo
Taylor Phillip

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 17, 1983**

The Executive Committee, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, met in James Dormitory, Centenary College, Shreveport on July 17, 1983. The president, Nell Read, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led those gathered in prayer.

In attendance were Wanda Nelson, Lois Patten, Johnnye Butler, Pat Cobb, Janelle McCammon, Lou Alexander, Jane Scott, Janet Hoffpauir, Bea Moak, Marian Eggerton, Fran Hall, Sara Fugler, Jackie Morgan, Lottie Palazzo, Ruth Brown, Helen Brock, Mary Lou France, Norma Winegeart, Alberta Springer, Virginia Aswell, Maria Gremillion, Margaret Mielke, Ruth Allen, Margaret Burris, Amy Ward, Betty Rowell, Ola Fisher, Taylor Phillip, Evelyn Evans, Linda Shepard, and Nell Read.

Devotional thoughts on not getting spiritually tired were given by Evelyn Evans. Scriptural text was from Isaiah 40:28-31.

The group then participated in a community building exercise with each using her initials to describe the work and purpose of UMW.

APPOINTMENTS - Nell Read appointed Linda Shepherd and Jane Scott to examine the minutes.

MINUTES - Corrections to the minutes of February 11-12, 1983 were as follows:

- p. 1 - Add the names of Bea Moak and Betty Rowell to those present.
- p. 2. - Under **MEMBERSHIP**, UMW Sunday in 1984 will be January 22, not June 22.
- p. 2 - **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLEMENT** should be the listing rather than **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**.
- p. 6 - Under **SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION**, honoraria for the music director and pianist should be listed as \$100 EACH.
- p. 8 - Under **DEAN/ASSISTANT DEAN**, line 6 should read, "as a 'Mission Event' and that technically our Weekend School falls..."

CORRESPONDENCE - Correspondence, read by the secretary, included a request from Karen Albano for financial assistance to attend Scarritt in the fall to work on her Masters in Christian Education. Her request will be referred to the Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry and Reverend William Rowell, Jr. Winderean Lewis also wrote asking to be certified as a study group leader for Schools of Christian Mission. Nell Read and Evelyn Evans will write her and these others suggested, Susan Bell Trickell and David Trickett, James (Pete) Spitzkeit, Bob Wagener, and Gloria Bennett. There was also a letter from missionary to Nigeria, Lois Kohler, and notification of a symposium on Women and Health sponsored by Health and Welfare Program Department of the Board of Global Ministries to be held November 9-12, 1983.

OFFICER OFFERINGS - (A complete copy of each report is on file with the president, vice president, and secretary.)

MEMBERSHIP - Fran Hall reported being disappointed in the number of reports returned on the 1983 UMW Sunday. The Bishop and Conference Council on Ministries approved the fourth Sunday in January as being UMW Sunday each

year. Amy Ward stressed the importance of correct membership figures being supplied for the Annual Report/Directory. There is some difficulty in determining the recipient of the School of Christian Ministries attendance banner because of the discrepancies in the 1982 and 1983 figures listed in the Directory.

VICE PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart thanked the Committee for allowing her to enlarge her experiences and viewpoints by attending the State Assembly of Church Women United and the Southern Region Seminar of the World Federation of Methodist Women. Women are invited by the WFMW to join in prayer for peace at 7:00 a.m. daily. The Louisiana Seminar of WFMW will be March 31, 1984.

TREASURER - Wanda Nelson reported a balance on hand of \$18,818.76 as of July 7, 1983. Approximately 45% has been paid on the Conference Pledge to Missions. The Centennial Celebration Fund is to continue through 1986 and will be added to the Assembly Fund. Projects to be funded with these monies have not been determined by the Women's Division yet.

PROGRAM RESOURCES - Secretary of Program Resources, Sara Fugler, spoke of a goal to increase RESPONSE subscriptions 100% during the Centennial Era. Information for Implementation of the Reading Program will be in Annual Meeting packets. Amy Ward announced that Forence Isaacs, Mary Lou Blakeman, and Leora Trice were each making a video tape on their respective study topics to be placed in the Conference Audio Visual Library. She made a motion that money be taken from the Audio Visual Fund (that was created to make video tapes of David women for the Conference Library) and used to make video tapes of David Billings and Roy Katayama. David Billings is with the National Division and Roy Katayama the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. Cost would be approximately \$35 for the tape. The motion was seconded by Lottie Palazzo and carried. Lottie Palazzo also expressed concern at this time that the Conference United Methodist Women were being charged by the Audio Visual Library for AV's that have been purchased and placed in the library by the women. She feels we need to clarify our relationship with the library. On a motion by her, seconded by Wanda Nelson, the Committee voted to have the secretary contact Harvey Williamson for such clarification.

MISSION COORDINATORS - Taylor Phillip, Christian Social Involment Coordinator, presented a combined report for herself; Lottie Palazzo, Supportive Community Coordinator; and Ola Fisher, Christian Personhood Coordinator. The report told of the meetings each has attended, and the work and issues currently being emphasized, e.g. the MX missile vote coming up. Christian Global Concerns Coordinator, Anne Hearn was unable to be present.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION - Jackie Morgan, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations, presented the following report:

President	Nell Read (Mrs. Cecil) P.O. Box 71 Farmerville, LA 71241	2 years
Secretary	Evelyn Evans (Mrs. Sidney B. Jr.) 100 St. Clair Natchitoches, LA 71457	2 years

Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns	Anne Hearn (Mrs. Woodrow) 3857 N. Bluebonnet Baton Rouge, LA 70809	2 years
Chairperson Committee on Membership	Fran Hall (Mrs. Chris) 1641 Avondale Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70808	2 years
Chairperson Committee on Nominations	Dorothy Abraham (Mrs. Irvin) 601 N. Cherry Lake Charles, LA 70601	1 year
Members Committee on Nominations	Virginia Aswell (Mrs. Don) (NOH) 2641 Hudson Place New Orleans, LA 70114	3 years
	Jonella Walker (Miss) (A) P. O. Box 722 Jena, LA 71342	3 years
	Emily Wiley (Mrs. Richard) (BRL) 132 Catherine Street Lafayette, LA 70503	3 years

The Executive Committee received the report as presented.

DISTRICT DOINGS - (A complete copy of each report is on file with the president, vice president, and secretary.)

ALEXANDRIA - There have been two workshops held - Legislative and Financial Affairs, and Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies - in the district. There was also a spring retreat to Camp Brewer.

BATON ROUGE-HAMMOND - Lou Alexander, District President, reported that the District Mission Team divided up and conducted a Financial Promotion Workshop at three different locations in the district. Amy Ward came and made a presentation for the Committee to Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies. Attendance at both events was disappointing.

BATON ROUGE-LAFAYETTE - The women of the district have participated in a spring retreat and a Workshop on Charter for Racial Justice Policies, Janelle McCammon, District President, invited every Methodist woman to attend the Annual Meeting, September 16-17, at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

LAKE CHARLES - Betty Carlin, District President, reported the combining of two units into one, St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Women. Also over 100 women attended the district retreat. A program on Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies was presented to the District Executive Committee and local presidents.

MONROE - The Monroe District Retreat was a highlight of the year thus far, reported President Bea Moak. Anne Hearn led the event. Nell Read and Elsie Terral conducted a Workshop on Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies for the district.

NEW ORLEANS - HOUMA - A shepherdess program has begun in the NO-Houma District. President Margaret Mielke reported plans to include material lifting up the implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies in each of next year's planned and proposed programs and events. She also gave a report for the Ruth Carter Auxillary to Peoples Community Center. The Center has a new director, Percell Church.

NEW ORLEANS-SLIDELL - Pat Cobb, District President, reported a district Workshop on Christian Social Involvement and Legislative Training. Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies was presented to the District Executive Committee by Amy Ward and Shirley Madden.

RUSTON - The district retreat was led by Norma Williamson of Starkville, Mississippi. Two spring meetings with the theme "Faith in Life and Work" were held for financial interpretation and discussions on social principles that were brought out in the Conference World Development Workshop. The District Mission Team participated in a study of the Racial Charter Booklet.

SHREVEPORT - A Christian Social Responsibility Interpretation Workshop was held in early February reported Linda Shepherd, District President. Theme for the District Retreat, which was attended by about 150 persons, was "Woman's Influence Versus Man's Authority." The Committee on Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies met with the District Executive Committee.

COMMITTEES PROGRAM

ANNUAL MEETING - Helen Brock, Chairperson of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, detailed plans for the September 16-17 meeting. The meeting will be the Conference Centennial Celebration. The **NEWSLETTER** with registrations forms and information will be out in mid-August. Deadline for reservations at the Hilton Hotel is September 1. Reservations made after that will be at a higher rate. Rooms are also available at Howard Johnson's East. The banquet will be at the Hilton at a cost of \$12 per person. Only 700 can be accommodated so the \$12 must be mailed with the registration fee of \$3 by September 1. Conference Executive Committee members are responsible for the \$3 registration fee only and they will be entertained Thursday evening with a supper at the home of Cooky Coffey, local UMW president. (A complete copy of the report is on file.)

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - The consensus of the Executive Committee was that the Weekend School has gone well. Fran Hall reported that there had been 31 applicants for the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarships. Twelve, eleven of them first-timers, attended Weekend School.

1984 CALENDAR - An updated calendar of meetings and activities was distributed by Norma Winegeart. (A copy is on file.)

ANNUAL MEETING 1984 - Evelyn Evans, chairperson of the Committee on Place of Annual Meeting, reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Ronald Bell, president of the United Methodist Women unit at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston. They invited the Conference to hold the 1984 Annual Meeting there. The Executive Committee recommended that the invitation be accepted and that Wilma Crosby be asked to chair the meeting and Linda Shepherd to be Vice-chairperson. The dates September 14-15 or September 21-22, 1984 were suggested as possibilities.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - A place needs to be secured to hold this January 27-29, 1984 meeting as the Plantation Manor Motor Hotel is now out of business. On a motion by Mary Lou Blakeman, seconded by Norma Winegeart, Nell Read and Evelyn Evans will work to secure a meeting place for the workshop and Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, February 10-11, 1984.

WOMEN IN ELECTORAL POLITICS WORKSHOP - The Committee on Program recommends that the Conference consider holding this workshop. It is a proposal of the Women's Division and a promotion of South Central Jurisdiction, But its scope is to include other women's groups, such as League of Women Voters, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, etc. Nell Read appointed Lou Alexander, Sara Fugler, and Taylor Phillip to study the proposal and to distribute for consideration a fact sheet to the Executive Committee in September.

CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND STANDING RULES - Janet Hoffpauir, chairperson of this committee, reported that the committee had met to become familiar with the current constitution, bylaws, and standing rules and to explore needed changes. A copy of the changes in bylaws from the October 1976 edition to the 1981-84 edition of the United Methodist Women's **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS** book was distributed. (A copy is on file.) On a motion by Janelle McCammon, seconded by Johnnye Butler, the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules was authorized to update our Conference Standing Rules to correlate them with Women's Division guidelines. The motion was approved.

FINANCE - Treasurer Wanda Nelson presented copies of present financial statements and the proposed 1984 budget. On a motion by Mary Lou Blakeman, seconded by Johnnye Butler, the Executive Committee approved the adoption of the budget and will present it to the body at Annual Meeting for approval. The Finance Committee also recommended that the deficit of \$73.64 spent over the budgeted amount for the World Development Workshop be taken out of Excess for Future Programming funds. Mary Lou Blakeman made a motion to do so and it was seconded by Linda Shepard. The motion carried. The audit of the 1982 books was also presented and accepted. (Copies of all statements are on file.)

ANNUAL REPORT/DIRECTORY - Chairperson, Evelyn Evans, asked for suggestions for dedication of the 1983-84 directory. Among those suggested were Lucille Sexton, Shirley Hoffpauir, and Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin. The Historian will research previous dedications and a decision will be made at the September Executive Committee meeting.

LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS - A "Hot Line" is in the process of being

established across the Conference. Lou Alexander, chairperson of the Legislative Concerns Committee, is monitoring bills of interest to UMW and there will be a contact person in each district to call for information.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING - Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, will host the 1983 DELT on October 15 reported chairperson, Lottie Palazzo. Conference officers are to let her know what they need in the way of room arrangements, e.g., table, chalkboard, etc.

HISTORIAN - Mary Lou Blakeman requested that the Conference submit 5 names for the **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 100 WOMEN IN MISSION**. The Executive Committee voted to do so on a motion by Taylor Phillip. Solicitation of names will be made at the Annual Meeting.

REGIONAL SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - Ola Fisher made a brief statement expressing appreciation from the Regional SCM Planning Team. On a motion by Mary Lou Blakeman, seconded by Lottie Palazzo, the Executive Committee voted to ask that the 1985 Regional School be held at Centenary College, Shreveport. The motion carried.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION - The Executive Committee, on a motion by Mary Lou Blakeman, voted in the spirit of ecumenicity and support to send letters of commendation to Reverend Carol Joyce and Dr. Lillian H. Robinson. Reverend Brun was recently elected Secretary of United Church of Christ, the second highest elected office of that denomination. Dr. Robinson was elected National President of the Academy of Psychoanalysts, the first woman to hold this office. Dr. Robinson is a noted laywoman in the Episcopal Church and was a delegate to the church's recent assembly.

COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES - A letter by Amy Ward that was sent to District Executive Committees was distributed. In the letter she thanked the districts for allowing members of the committee to meet with them and made suggestions for follow-up activities. (A copy is on file.)

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION - Posters and brochures about the Quadrennial meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction to be held April 13-15, 1984 in Wichita, Kansas, were distributed. Theme of the meeting is "The Power Within You - To Be, To Do, To Dare."

HONORARIUMS - Nell Read appointed Wanda Nelson, Norma Winegart, and Evelyn Evans to a committee to study and write guidelines for honorariums for all Conference events.

PROGRAM RESOURCES - Florence Isaacs had an extra six copies of a supplementary book for the study "The World's Uprooted." The book is titled **A MATTER OF RIGHT: THE RICH, THE POOR, AND THE UNITED NATIONS** and sells for \$3.50. She asked permission to place it in the Program Resource Room to sell. On a

motion by Lottie Palazzo, seconded by Norma Winegeart, the Executive Committee voted to allow it to be placed with Program Resources.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p. m. with prayer.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary
Nell Read, President

Examiners:

Jane Scott

Linda Shepherd

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 15, 1983

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women met Thursday, September 15, 1983, at 8:30 P.M. at the Baton Rouge Hilton Hotel. President Nell Read opened the meeting with prayer. Norma Winegeart, vice president, gave a meditation using a verse cited in the Prayer Calendar, "Today, Lord, we praise you for work to do."

Other members in attendance were Wanda Nelson, Lottie Palazzo, Sara Fugler, Lou Alexander, Georgie Dunbar, Bea Moak, Ruth Brown, Virginia Aswell, Margaret Mielke, Helen Brock, Anne Hearn, Fran Hall, Maria Gremillion, Janelle McCammon, Jane Scott, Mary Margaret Barr, Mary Lou Blakeman, Taylor Phillip, Lois Patten, Pat Cobb, Betty Carlin, Ola Fisher, Johnnye Butler, Alberta Springer, Mary Lou France, Linda Shepherd, Jackie Morgan, Betty Rowell, Janet Hoffpauir, Ruth Allen, and Evelyn Evans. Ruth A. Daugherty, president of the Women's Division, was also present as a guest.

APPOINTMENTS - Jane Scott and Sara Fugler were appointed to examine the minutes.

THANK YOU - Nell Read expressed appreciation for the hearty welcome by the local women and the shrimp boil hosted earlier in the evening by Cooky Coffey, Elizabeth McGowan, and Molly McKenzie.

CORRESPONDENCE - Replies from the letter sent out concerning study group leader certification and qualifications for the School of Christian Mission were received from Bob Wagner, Susan and David Trickett, and Gloria Bennett. They are interested in teaching in the Louisiana Conference. A letter from Harvey Williamson concerning policies of the Conference Audio-Visual Library was read. The Conference is now formulating a Media Board to set policies. Reverend Carol Joyce Brun of the United Church of Christ acknowledged the committee's letter of congratulations to her.

ANNUAL MEETING - Helen Brock reviewed the last minute details concerning the opening processional and the Tea 'N Talk sessions. She announced that Ruth Daugherty would be interviewed on WBRZ-TV the following morning on the Jan Simmons Show.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE/VICE PRESIDENT - Norma Winegeart expressed the thought that it is difficult to separate the report of the vice president from that of chairperson of the Committee on Program. Both are the same essentially. She then reviewed the actions taken on the 1983 Goals. (A complete report is on file with the president, vice president, and secretary.) On a motion by Norma, seconded by Pat Cobb, the committee voted that in order to share the leadership of the Conference United Methodist Women with a larger number of people; the Committee on Annual Meeting Program would be selected as follows this year:

1. Chairperson, appointed by the Committee on Program and approved by the Executive Committee
2. Vice-Chairperson, appointed by the Committee on Program and approved by the Executive Committee
3. Conference President
4. Conference Vice President
5. District President of where meeting is to be held

6. One Local Member where meeting is to be held
- 7., 8., 9. Three others selected by the Chairperson of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program and approved by the Conference President.

DISTRICTS - Nell Read complemented the districts on the creativity of their district newsletters.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS - Chairperson, Jackie Morgan, reported that the committee had met its goal of inclusiveness with the slate of officers being presented for election. (A complete report is on file.) She suggested that the Conference might send a recommendation to Women's Division to change the tenure of the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. To serve only one year seems a waste of training.

HISTORIAN - Mary Lou Blakeman detailed plans for the selection of six nominees from the Conference for submission to Women's Division for inclusion in the **CENTENNIAL ERA ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 100 WOMEN IN MISSION**. Letters have been distributed to local units and will be available at district annual meetings. Additional information will be in issues of the **NEWSLETTER** between now and the July 30, 1984 deadline.

DEDICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT/DIRECTORY - On a motion by Norma Winegeart seconded by Taylor Phillips the committee voted to dedicate the 1983 Annual Report/Directory to Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin and the 1984 Annual Report/Directory to Mrs. J. W. E. Bowen, Jr. and Mrs. George S. Sexton, Jr.

TREASURER - Wanda Nelson reported that to date \$10,200.09 had been received toward the Mission Candles for Annual Meeting. The third quarter report is in the process of compilation. The financial report for School of Christian Mission is not yet complete, but it is estimated that it will go over the budgeted amount by almost \$3500. All cumulative funds are in a savings account. She stressed that it is imperative that the Committee stay within the budget for the last quarter. Nell Read urged District Presidents and Treasurers to do financial promotion and educate the local women to the fact that Administration and Membership Development is mission. On a motion by Evelyn Evans, seconded by Taylor Phillips, the Committee voted to continue the 'quarter per quarter' for Administration and Membership Development as voluntary and as one avenue of financial promotion.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION BUDGET - On a recommendation by Wanda Nelson, seconded by Mary Lou Blakeman, the Committee approved the appointment of a task group to formulate a budget for School of Christian Mission, looking at each line item. Nell Read will make the appointments.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADER TRAINING - Lottie Palazzo, chairperson for the event, distributed flyers announcing the training. Utilizing the theme, "Catch the Vision of Teamwork," the event will be Saturday, October 15, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES - Chairperson Janet Hoffpauir presented a revised copy of the Conference Standing Rules (A copy is on file.) and suggested changes in the rule number 7 under Funds. On a motion by Mary Lou Blakeman, seconded by Anne Hearn, the Executive Committee voted to delete the phrase "up to fifteen percent (15%)."

COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER ON RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES - Pat Cobb gave the report for chairperson, Amy Ward. The report reviewed the work done by the committee and reported additional emphases completed. (A complete report is on file with the president, vice president, and secretary.) Taylor Phillips announced that the Charter Booklet was well received at the National Seminar and that the **INTERPRETER** wants to publish it. Mary Lou Blakeman made a motion that a committee be appointed to pursue the idea of publication. Mary Margaret Barr seconded the motion and it carried.

GUIDELINES FOR HONORARIUMS - Wanda Nelson reported that she, Norma Winegeart, and Evelyn Evans had formulated the following guidelines for Honorariums:

1. Remember that Women's Division Staff persons do not accept honorariums.
2. Honorariums for leaders of the following events are as listed:

CONFERENCE RETREAT - 1 leader - a maximum of \$200 total
2 leaders - a maximum of \$300 total

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Weekday Study Group Leaders - \$100 each

Weekend Study Group Leaders - \$ 60 each

Study Group Leaders for Both - \$160 each

Weekday Nurse - \$ 60

Weekend Nurse - \$ 40

Nurse for Both Sessions - \$100

Music Director/Both Schools - \$100

Pianist for Both Schools - \$100

Audiovisual Leader for Both - \$100 maximum

ANNUAL MEETING -

Speaker - \$175 maximum

*Organist - \$100 maximum

*Song Leader - \$ 50 maximum

*Other Music - \$ 25

*Total music not to exceed \$200

CONFERENCE SPONSORED WORKSHOPS - \$ 50 per leader, not to exceed \$200 total. Lottie Palazzo made the motion to accept the guidelines as presented. The motion was seconded by Pat Cobb and carried.

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP - Lou Alexander recommended that the workshop be held in late 1984. The cost of the workshop will be \$1000 and the Conference is asked for \$200-\$300 for promotion expenses. Women's Division will reimburse \$500 if a quality workshop is held. A tuition fee of \$20 is recommended for participants. A Conference support team is needed to promote the workshop. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation and Nell Read appointed Taylor Phillips and Lou Alexander to secure personnel for a support team.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED REPRESENTATIVES - The Executive Committee approved the following representatives to the CWU Assembly, July 19-23, 1984 at Purdue University, Mary Margaret Barr, Taylor Phillips, and alternate, Lucille Hunter.

MEETING TIMES AND PLACES - Nell Read reported that she, Evelyn Evans, Norma Winegeart, and Janelle McCammon met to look at the options available for meeting places. They recommend that the School of Christian Missions Committee and

the Committee on Program meet November 11-12, 1983 at David Haas Memorial Church in Bunkie. The committees will be housed at the Briarwood Motel in Bunkie. They further recommended that the Leadership Development Workshop be held January 27-29, 1984 at Toro Hills (Hodges Gardens). The Executive Committee, on a motion by Mary Lou Blakeman, seconded by Mary Margaret Barr, adopted the report. The administrative Committee will secure a place for the Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting. February 10-11, 1984. The 1984 Annual Meeting will be September 14-15 in Ruston.

DELT 1984 - Norma Winegeart nominated Betty Rowell to chair the meeting. The nomination was approved.

REGIONAL SCHOOL 1985 - Nell Read will write the school committee in charge of securing location and invite them to hold the Regional School of Christian Mission at Centenary College in 1985. Ola Fisher will provide the name and address of the person(s) to write.

AUDIOVISUALS - Anne Hearn read a list of AV's purchased and placed in the Conference Audio-Visual Library. She will write an article and list them for the **NEWSLETTER**. A list can also be placed in the **LOUISIANA METHODIST**.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary
Nell Read, President

Examiners:
Jane Scott
Sara Fugler

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OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE**

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"Committed To Mission - Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women opened Friday, September 16, 1983 at 1:00 P.M. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with a processional of banners depicting the theme. Officers and invited guests also were a part of the processional. The participants moved down the aisle to the hymn, "Heralds of Christ." Nell Read, President, convened the meeting and presided.

OPENING WORSHIP: Anne Hearn led those assembled in a Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession:

Leader: It is good to give thanks to God!

People: And to worship together in the beginning of this Annual Meeting.

Leader: We recognize the common bond which flows from past to present to future for United Methodist Women.

People: Let us be thankful for the solid foundation laid for us by women who served in the past, both at home and in the mission field.

Leader: Let us celebrate together the challenge of the present.

People: And with God's help lay a firm and enduring foundation for those who will carry the banners in the future.

O Lord, our Creator, you've built into our personalities a desire for both adventure and security. Too often we have allowed ourselves to be taken over by a desire for soft security. But your voice calls to our adventurous spirit, telling us to move out of our safe havens and into your world of hunger and injustice, a world torn by war and poverty that bring hopelessness. We know that your challenge to us is to bring caring and sharing to this world in your Name. But we have been afraid and have often satisfied that adventurous spirit with second hand thrills of spectator sports and soap operas. Lord, grant us courage to do what we ought to do. Forgive us for being so dependent on what the secular world tells us is important or valuable. Jar us loose to the abundant adventure of your way of the Cross. Let us taste your amazing Grace, seek first your Kingdom, and accept the adventure of total allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THEME HYMN: Hymn No. 161 in the **METHODIST HYMNAL**, "Hope of the World," was sung.

LITANY: Ola Fisher and Anne Hearn recited the following Litany of Remembrance and Thsanksgiving For Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow:

Leader: Let us give thanks for our foremothers who first organized for missionary service at Tremont Street Church in Boston in 1869.

People: We are thankful for their foresight and determination, and for Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain, who went to India to establish a school for girls and a hospital.

Leader: With gratitude we also remember the vision of Mrs. W. M. Reade, who organized the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Louisiana only a few blocks from this church in 1879.

- People: Let us celebrate the fact that in Louisiana by 1901, the vigor and dedication of these societies had resulted in scholarships to China, Mexico, and Korea. One missionary was being sponsored in China, and another in Brazil.
- Leader: The black women of Louisiana were also organized early in the century, and Miss Susan Collins was the first black missionary appointed by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society to serve in Liberia. The second black missionary to Liberia was Miss Martha Drummer, and Miss Anna E. Hall was the first black graduate deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- People: The example of these early Methodist women brings both joy and pain to our hearts, for we realize how little we give of our lives to the living and spreading of the Good News. Our challenge is the same as theirs, "to pray, to organize and to visit, and to help the whole Body glow with strength and vigor."
- Leader: Growing side by side with the Foreign Missionary Societies were the Ladies Aids, whose function was to aid the local church. Because many women were members of both Missionary Societies and Ladies Aids, and because local groups wanted a program of study and outreach, a vision of wholeness led Methodist Women into a unified local organization in 1939, the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
- People: This new organization and its auxiliary for working women, the Wesleyan Service Guild, laid the groundwork for interest in social issues of every kind, from the expansion of the state library system to the support of the Woman's Division projects in Louisiana: Dulac Community Center, MacDonell School, Sagar Brown School, St. Mark's Community Center, and the Business Girl's Inn.
- Leader: We give thanks today for the insight and courage that called these women to attack many parts of the traditional systems and to declare, "Ours is a larger task—we join with Christians around the world to fight those evils that are damning us all—ignorance, indifference, prejudice, greed, lawlessness, materialism, war."
- People: We are now United Methodist Women - Conference A and Conference B, Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Women - and we are truly surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses," those who have gone on before, yet those whose presence we feel supporting us and guiding us daily, reminding us that it is now our turn.
- Leader: And what is our Purpose?
- People: "The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."
- Leader: And what does this mean for our lives and for the future?
- People: It means we must pledge ourselves anew and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. It means that we will work and pray for peace, that we will insist upon policies that provide food for the hungry, justice for those who are oppressed, opportunities for refugees and undocumented workers, and an end to racism.
- Together: For we are all members of one family, children of the same heavenly Father. Help us to affirm our citizenship in his continuing Kingdom, that we may joyfully live the life given to us, a life of joy and gladness, of responsibility and opportunity, a life made new and purposeful in Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING OF MISSION CANDLES: Three candles were lit, one honoring those who served in the past, one for those presently serving, and the third for those who will serve in the future. Gifts of \$10,427.20 from around the Conference will allow the candles to burn for approximately 5 hours and 37 minutes. The monies will be sent, undesignated, to mission.

WELCOME: Cooky Coffey, president of United Methodist Women, First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and Janelle McCammon, Baton Rouge-Lafayette District President, extended a welcome on behalf of the women of First Church and the District. Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, minister of First Church, also greeted those assembled.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM: Helen Brock, Chairperson of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, lifted up two reasons for celebrating the

Centennial Era at this meeting. First, the president of the Women's Division is to be present, and secondly, this was the spot where Louisiana Methodist Women were authorized to organize in 1879. She called attention to the Centennial Era goals listed in the program, outlined highlights of the upcoming program, and reminded those present to sign the Centennial Register.

RESPONSE: Sara Fugler, Secretary of Program Resources, "campaigned" on behalf of **RESPONSE** magazine. Party delegates marched about the sanctuary with signs of red, white, and blue urging members to vote **RESPONSE**. An increase in subscriptions is one of the Centennial Era goals.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Before presenting her report, Nell Read, introduced Ruth Daugherty, president of the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church, and Dodie Treen, wife of Louisiana Governor, Dave Treen. Her report, entitled "A Litany of Praise," was as follows:

"The psalmist expresses my feelings of awe at the wonderful world of God's creation. "Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth." The mystery of perfection is exemplified in the constancy of the rising and setting sun. Recently our space program was able to calculate the landing of a space orbit within seconds of the planned time. They knew the universe would function on schedule.

Gravitation is another interesting scientific phenomenon - the attraction that masses of matter have for each other. The sun's gravitation holds the planets in their heavenly paths. Gravitational attraction between heavenly bodies holds stars to their courses. The moon's gravity pulls our oceans and causes the tides to rise and fall. No matter how large or how small any bodies of matter are, each moves to meet the other.

As magnificent as our physical world may be, there is an even greater force-a powerful force found in the human soul-a part of God in us, causing a pull that makes one spiritual being pull toward another in love. The gravity, so to speak, makes one human soul feel the need and pain suffered by another, creating the desire to reach out and share the joy of living found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our foremothers felt this strong spiritual force when they read the scripture you find inside your program book, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people." We are indebted to them for founding an organization through which we can serve to touch the lives of people around the world with the message of the love of Christ. If you will affirm with me your joy in this courageous, historic action, please respond with a cheerful Alleluia. Alleluia.

But my report to you today only briefly takes a backward glance. We are to think about this year of our Lord - 1983 - and what is happening now, here in Louisiana. We celebrate the fact that we have 340 units of United Methodist Women involving some 13,000 members seeking to fulfill our purpose to be in mission through specific, stated goals. Isn't this cause for praise? Alleluia.

Last January United Methodist Women from all over the conference gathered here at First Church Baton Rouge to spend three days of study on the serious subject of World Development. Believing that development is a global process, and that in a sense it encompasses justice at its core, and peace as its fruit, these people grappled with difficult

issues in an effort to create better understanding of existing problems and to learn what we can do about it. Anne Hearn and her committee did an outstanding job of this workshop. Will all the committee and everyone who attended the World Development Workshop, please stand? Alleluia.

Louisiana Conference has a permanent Committee on Implementation of the Charter on Racial Justice Policies. In an effort to do more to promote involvement of ethnic minorities into our total program, this committee developed a booklet entitled **OPENING DOORS TO RACIAL-ETHNIC UNDERSTANDING**. Then the committee itinerated the entire conference working with each district mission team to promote ideas in this program to be implemented on all local levels. Guess what! At National Seminar our booklet made such an impression that the editor of **INTERPRETER** magazine wants to write it up, and we've been asked to publish it for sale in other conferences. Isn't that exciting? We'd like those on the Charter committee to stand up and be recognized with an Alleluia.

Our purpose states that we want to know God, becoming whole persons through Jesus Christ. The conference executive committee has covenanted together to read the Bible and use the Disciplines in daily devotions. As a conference we engaged in a most successful Retreat in March at Biloxi lead by Carol Susan Winn and Elise Eslinger. Marion Eggerton chaired the committee who planned this event so beautifully. First, will all the Retreat Committee stand with Marian? Then will all who attended join them? For the joy of spiritual growth let us praise God with an Alleluia.

One of the finest opportunities you will find anywhere for true study growth, worship, and fellowship is at School of Christian Mission each year in July. Johnnye Butler served as Dean and Lottie Palazzo as Assistant Dean of our 1983 school. An excellent school staff led us to new heights of fulfillment. When Mary Lou Balkeman was leading us in the study of Luke, she introduced the idea that each of us as a believer is a saint. In a later exercise we counted off into groups. Someone said, "Will all the tens meet in this corner?" At this point one participant was overheard to say, "Wait until my husband hears this. I not only have learned that I am a saint; I'm also a ten!" As all who have attended 1983 School of Mission stands, let us affirm a hearty Alleluia.

And, now there is Annual Meeting. For months Helen Brock, Ardessie Prophet, and their committee have worked tirelessly to plan this event to insure that everything possible is done so that we may experience a true feeling of gravitation toward our highest spiritual beings. And those on the local committee here at First Church, many of whom are right now at their posts of service, registering, attending nursery, and doing countless behind the scenes chores to see that all our needs are met. So that we may truly affirm our joy in your service, will all the Annual Meeting Committee and the Local Committee stand to receive our grateful Alleluia.

Nowhere is the strength of our connectional system more effective than through the nine districts in our conference. Active district mission teams have trained leadership, demonstrated ways local units can do program planning, held retreats, legislative seminars, peace rallies, financial promotion workshops, and schools of mission in each district. These accomplishments represent many hours of dedicated work on the part of committed elected leaders. Will each of you who holds a district office, please stand and let us bless you with an Alleluia.

An important occasion in the life of the United Methodist Church will take place May 1984 in Baltimore, Maryland when General Conference convenes. We are honored that our own Dr. Nancy Carruth will be leading the Louisiana delegation. Other United Methodist Women delegates are Amy Ward and Inez Christentery. And we also will be represented at Jurisdictional Conference at Lubbock, Texas by Sara Fugler, Kathi Finnell, and Dorothy Mae Taylor; with Elizabeth McGowan as alternate. Will each of you stand to be recognized! Alleluia.

We are fortunate to have Bishop Kenneth Shamblin who is very supportive of all our efforts. We also have some ministers and lay men who we consider to be members of United Methodist Women. Three of them may be here today are also included in the General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference delegation. We're proud of Dr. Woodrow Hearn, Walter Brock, and Truman Ward. Are there others? Will you let us honor you with an Alleluia.

In April The South Central Jurisdiction will be held in Wichita, Kansas. Later in the business session you will be voting on those to represent you.

The most important element of the organization of United Methodist Women is the individual member in each local unit. Here is where real mission begins. It is important that we realize that all programming has the aim of helping the local unit to expand its concepts of mission. It is here where our power lies. Every dollar of the budget of Louisiana Conference and much of that of the Women's Division comes from local unit. It is through bible study, prayer, and mission emphasis beginning with the local woman that this spiritual gravitation is manifested. The forceful power of love makes them reach out to meet needs of ministry in communities, conferences, and across the world. So let us praise God for members with an Alleluia.

It is a joy to me to read your newsletters, and reports to learn your many creative avenues of service. And, in speaking of reports, I suppose the least appealing job of an officer is filling out reports. But it is important to know who and what we are. You couldn't plan family finances unless you knew how much money you had to work with. I know it is hard to get an accurate membership count. Will you, please do me a favor? Soon you will be giving an annual report. Get yours in early and see that there is an up-to-date count of members. All of you remind your President, Secretary, and Membership Chairperson that we want our conference to be 100% in reporting this year. Help us and I will thank you and sing an Alleluia.

You may be thinking as we have gathered here in this beautiful setting, among loving friends, singing praises; "But, Nell, this world is a mess! There is hunger, crime, pain, disease, broken relationships, many countries at war, and we feel the eminent danger of nuclear destruction." Yes, that is true. But the psalmist also reminds us that God is still in control. He has covenanted with us to hear our prayers and provide strength. The heavens are still telling the glory of God. He does not promise the way will be easy. We must venture out into faith, to risk being hurt, to dare to stand against unpopular opinions, to face many difficult crises. Psalm 27: 13-14 says:

"I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord."

I am one. I cannot do much. But I feel a powerful pull toward you and toward all God's creatures. I will do what I can. Together we CAN make a difference. The psalmist also

says,

“Behold how good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity.”

Last year two units of United Methodist Women conducted a study on Europe. The action resulting from that study included a bi-district peace rally and you will find more details in the latest issue of RESPONSE magazine. Mighty actions have humble beginnings.

Each of you as members of United Methodist Women is asked to join me in a covenant of commitment to hope through Jesus Christ. Let us reverently affirm our gravitation toward God as we softly sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GENERAL CONFERENCE: Nancy Carruth asked for a point of personal privilege and announced that the Louisiana Conference delegation to General Conference is endorsing Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn as the Conference's favorite son for the episcopacy. **HYMN:** “Christ for the World We Sing,” Hymn No. 292 in the Methodist Hymnal was sung.

APPOINTMENTS: Ola Fisher and Betty Carlin were appointed to examine the minutes.

STANDING RULES: Janet Hoffpauir, Chairperson of the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, reviewed how bylaws and standing rules are made. She pointed out that what the Conference had been calling bylaws were really standing rules. Therefore to remedy the situation, the Committee took all the legislation the Conference had passed, and put them in the form of Standing Rules. No changes were made in content except to eliminate things already in Women's Division Bylaws. The Executive Committee and the Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, however, recommended that the phrase “up to 15 percent of the Pledge to Missions” be deleted from Standing Rule No. 7 under Funds and that it read as follows: “The conference organization may set aside an amount of the Pledge to Missions for administration and membership expenses of the conference, a contribution to the jurisdiction fund for administration and membership development, and for remittances to the districts for administration and membership development. The exact amount of the fund to be set aside shall be decided annually by the Conference on recommendation from the Executive Committee on Finance.” The change was approved.

RECOMMENDATION: Evelyn Evans, Conference Secretary, read the following recommendation of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women recommends that the offering from this tenth Annual Meeting be divided equally between the Centennial Celebration Fund and the three Louisiana National Division projects, MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, St. Mark's Community Center, and People's Community Center, and Dulac Community Center.

The recommendation was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In her report to the membership, Treasurer Wanda Nelson, spoke of God blessing United Methodist Women with an organization and the resources to enable them to be involved in mission. She commended the group for their gifts, which overpaid the 1982 pledge by \$8000, and told them of opportunities for other second-mile giving. The following proposed budget for 1984 was presented and adopted.

PROPOSED BUDGET - 1984

PLEDGE TO MISSION	\$215,000.00
ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:	
A. Travel Expenses (mileage, room, board, insurance to Executive Committee Events within our Conference)	\$7000.00
B. Officer Resources (Service Center, etc.)	100.00
C. District Administration & Membership Development	11105.00
D. Jurisdiction Administration & Membership Development	1343.75
E. Schools of Christian Mission	
1. Regional	3000.00
2. Conference	5000.00
F. Programs & Events Within Our Conference	
1. Annual Meeting	1500.00
2. District Elected Leadership Training	1200.00
3. Church Related Meetings	150.00
4. Retreat, 1985	100.00
G. Attendance at Regional & National Events	
1. Assembly, 1986 (Cumulative for 4 years)	1400.00
2. Jurisdiction Meeting, 1984 (Cumulative for 4 years)	600.00
3. Church Women United Ecumenical Assembly (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
4. National Seminar, 1983 (Cumulative 4 years)	250.00
5. Other Special Meetings	300.00
H. Operating Expenses	
1. Conference Directory	1750.00
2. Newspaper	3000.00
3. Postage	900.00
4. Office Supplies & Mimeographing	750.00
5. Telephone	750.00
6. Audit	500.00
7. Honors and Memorials	300.00
I. Church Women United	250.00
J. Unanticipated Opportunities	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL A & MD BUDGET	\$41798.75
TOTAL CONFERENCE BUDGET	\$256,798.75
Amount to be withheld to equal 15% of pledge is	\$32250.00
Amount to be used from anticipated income from A & MD gifts	<u>\$9548.75</u>
	\$41798.75

BISHOP: Nell Read recognized Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin who had arrived for the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: The following nominees for officers and term of office were reported by Jackie Morgan, Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations:

President	Nell Read (Mrs. Cecil)	2 years
Secretary	Evelyn Evans (Mrs. Sidney B. Jr.)	2 years
Mission Coordinator for		
Christian Global Concerns	Anne Hearn (Mrs. J. Woodrow)	2 years
Secretary of Program Resources	Lueburda Myers (Mrs. Kenneth)	2 years
Chairperson,		
Committee on Membership	Fran Hall (Mrs. Chris)	2 years
Chairperson,		
Committee on Nominations	Dorothy Abraham (Mrs. Irvin)	1 year
Members,		
Committee on Nominations	Virginia Aswell (Mrs. Don)	3 years
	Jonelle Walker (Miss)	3 years
	Emily Wiley (Mrs. Richard)	3 years

ELECTION: There were no nominations from the floor so election was by voice vote. All nominees were elected.

NOMINEES TO WOMEN'S DIVISION: Elizabeth Thomas, Janelle McCammon, and Anne Hearn were nominated by the Executive Committee for Women's Division. Ola Fisher was nominated as an alternate. The nominees were elected.

DELEGATES TO SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION: Nell Read, Fran Hall, Norma Winegeart, Wanda Nelson, Evelyn Evans, and Taylor Phillip were nominated as delegates to the South Central Jurisdiction Meeting and Ola Fisher and Lottie Palazzo were nominated as alternates. Nomination is by office and comes as a recommendation of Executive Committee. The nominees were elected.

PROJECT DIRECTORS: James Seymour, director of St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, and Jerry Bridges, director of MacDonnell's United Methodist Children's Services at Houma, gave brief talks about the work being done at their projects.

TEA 'N TALK: The meeting adjourned and members were invited to have refreshments, visit with Conference and District officers, and see the displays set up by these officers. The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. at the Baton Rouge Hilton Hotel for dinner and program. Audrey Milo led the Blessing.

SERVICE OF RECOGNITION: Estelle Dameron, a former Conference President, spoke of how those who served were prepared. They were prepared, she said, because they became aware of the needs of women, because they dared to dream dreams, and because they had great faith in the enabling power of God. A special tribute was paid to former Women's Division president Virginia Laskey of Ruston. Not only was she presented with a Special Mission Recognition pin and Certificate with the Centennial logo, but Mildred Feldman, state president of Church Women United, presented Mrs. Laskey with the Valiant Woman Award given by CWU.

Recognized with Special Mission Recognition pins and certificates also were retiring Conference officers and leaders, Jackie Morgan, Sara Fugler, Olivia Harris, Janet Hoffpaur, Lou Alexander, Irene Sandel, and Amy Ward.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ardessie Prophet, accompanied by Helen Brock, sang 'The Lord is My Light' for those assembled.

RUTH DAUGHERTY: Nell Read introduced Ruth Daugherty who has been president of the Women's Division since September of 1980. Her address was entitled 'Let There Be... Women In Mission.' She began her address by portraying a woman from India. She told of changes made in India since mission work began there and the effect it had upon women. She continued by stating that three factors will be constant in the future of women in mission. These are change, change, change. It was pointed out that change is necessary to bring wholeness of life to persons. One of the great theological bases of our faith is the change that takes place in our lives, the new birth. Let there be women in mission who are catalysts for change. Let there be women in mission, too, who through creative, supportive fellowship bring strength to bear on that which needs to be done. And lastly let there be women in mission who fully understand, who raise questions to discern truth and cause change. Mission is ministering in the name of Jesus Christ wherever we are, to people whoever they are. Women will continue to be in mission as catalysts for change, working through community, and acting upon ever expanding concepts of mission as revealed to them, said Mrs. Daugherty.

BENEDICTION: Dr. M. T. Jackson, Sr., district superintendent of the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District, gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned for the evening.

The tenth Annual Meeting reconvened on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Prior to this Ruth Daugherty had held an informal 'press conference' for those interested and/or those who had questions that she, as Women's Division president, could answer.

WORSHIP: Morning worship began with the singing of 'This Is The Day.' Ola Fisher read Matthew 25:31-40 and offered prayer. 'Awake, Awake to Love and Work,' Hymn No. 190 in the Methodist Hymnal was sung. The clown ministry of First Church, Baton Rouge, called 'Holy Fools,' presented a skit, 'Walls Between Us.' The morning worship closed with special music, 'You Hear the Lambs A - Crying,' by the Chancel Choir of Camphor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge.

OUT-OF-CONFERENCE EVENTS: Vice President Norma Winegeart introduced this portion of the program. Conference officers and others sometimes attend meetings not held in Louisiana Conference. Anne Hearn told of attending a meeting in Memphis on National Division Projects and Taylor Phillips reported on the National Impact Conference in Washington, D.C. Evelyn Evans represented Nell Read at the President's Consultation in Memphis in February. The World Federation of Methodist Women Seminar in Jackson, Mississippi, and the State Assembly of Church Women United in Ruston were reported by Lottie Palazzo and Mary Margaret Barr. Highlights of this part of the program, however, was the presentation of the group attending the National Seminar in Chico, California in August, Bea Rush, Taylor Phillips, Patti Lindsay, and Paula Milo.

The report as written by Bea Rush read:

What exactly is a National Seminar? National Seminars occupy a special place in a program of the Women's Division. Once every four years, women leaders in the United Methodist Church throughout the United States gather to study, discuss, and make plans in conjunction with the church and chosen theme. Three hundred plus women gathered in Chico, California to study, 'Economics and the Faith Community.'

Why was 'Economics and the Faith Community' chosen as the theme? The planning committee believed the theme to be timely and particularly appropriate for women. Think about it: 'Honey, I need some

money...Darlin', there ain't none!" Around the world more women than men are solely responsible for their families! Worldwide, 33% of households depend entirely on women. In societies throughout the world, women even control parts of the economy. And, if anyone wonders why, if women need money, have experience in handling money, and running businesses, why aren't they making it? -- Well, the truth is, women work longer hours than men, and perform a variety of tasks...in nearly every part of the world. After a full day of washing, cleaning, caring for children and doing numerous other chores, women find it a little difficult to find time for developing marketing strategies. But in Chico, we were shown over and over, it can be done.

What were some of the highlights of the Seminar? The keynote speakers were tremendously informative, assertive with economic facts, and bold in their presentations. How could we not be changed when we heard Helene Castel state. "We must awaken ourselves to the contradictions of our society. Do not be afraid to ask 'IS THIS SO? DOES IT HAVE TO BE THIS WAY FOR WOMEN?' or to pass on a quote she used 'Do not adjust your mind; there is a fault with reality.'" How could we keep from wincing when Marilyn Nichols stated, "Most women look at finances in unrealistic terms or with a distorted view . . . most women are simply not concerned." Sister Amata Miller observed "we are aware that we are in a period of crisis, and the important thing about a crisis is that it can also be a time of change." Change . . . change . . . change! For those of us who attended this seminar, we are, indeed, changed forever!

How exactly did the Louisiana team participate in this Seminar? We studied the country of Guatemala through a personal profile and data work sheet, including debt, trade, and the United Methodist connection. We shared this study with the Wisconsin and Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. We attended a variety of individual interest groups, 26 were offered in all. Taylor Phillips and Paula Milo were participants in the Seminar choir and I was interviewed for the Seminar newspaper as a human interest story for being treed in an almond orchard by two German Shepherds and a man with a double-barrel shotgun while jogging early one morning.

Our morning meditations closed with an old English prayer, "God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and my thinking; God be in mine end and at my departing." As I depart the Louisiana Conference for the Texas Conference, I take with me a very important lesson learned at Seminar: Become a changemaker! We are not alone. There are so many networks and coalitions the very best and most effective one being United Methodist Women. To do nothing all your life is a definite denial of the gospel. I learned at this Seminar - you must plant seeds for a tree in whose shade you may never sit . . . but somebody will. And I do thank you for the seeds you've planted in me.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran Hall, chairperson of Committee on Membership, reminded members of the Centennial Era goal of an increase in membership of 10% during the year. New units will be called Centennial units and receive special organizational certificates. January 22, 1984 will be UMW Sunday. All were urged to apply for Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission scholarships.

REGISTRATION: Registrar Edna Wilson reported a total attendance of 752 persons, including 193 voting delegates, 399 non-voting members, 11 conference officers, 60 conference guests, and 89 visitors.

INVITATION: Velma McClelland of Trinity United Methodist Church extended an invitation to the Conference to hold the 1984 Annual Meeting in Ruston. Ruston will be celebrating its centennial and hosting the Annual Meeting will be further occasion for celebration. The invitation was accepted.

PLEDGE SERVICE: Treasurer Wanda Nelson and the nine district treasurers conducted the pledge service, "Building on the Legacy." An unfinished floral arrangement was the focal point of the presentation. Mrs. Nelson pointed out that the container represented organization, Women's Division. The candles in the arrangement stood for the denominations of predecessor organizations that light our past. The flowers and greenery represented the cross which is ever before us and the flame which stirs us to

action. District treasurers completed the arrangement by adding flowers representing their district pledges as their districts each stood and sang a verse of "For the Beauty of the Earth." Extra verses used were written by Lynn Foil, St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Metairie.

OFFERING: Shirley Hoffpauir reminded those assembled that the offering was going one-half to the Centennial Celebration Fund and one-half to Dulac Community Center, St. Mark's Community Center, MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services, and Peoples Community Center. The offering given totaled \$1277.82.

INSTALLATION SERVICE: Ruth A. Daugherty, president of Women's Division, conducted the installation service 'Hope Through A Rainbow of Service.' Those to be installed had been asked earlier to send Mrs. Daugherty a piece of a used candle that held some significance for the owner. Mrs. Daugherty had melted these candles and had formed rainbow-colored votive candles for each. Using the thoughts, 'melt me,' 'mold me,' and 'use me,' she symbolically likened the officers to the candles. The candles were lit as each accepted her responsibility to serve.

COMMUNION: The bell ringers of University United Methodist Church provided music for reflection prior to and during the communion service. The Motet Choir of First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, also provided music during the service. The Communion Sermon, 'A Moveable Feast,' was delivered by Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin. 'The Christian life is a moveable feast, not static, one place, one time... We need to move into new experiences... We live in social patterns we know are not Christian. When are we going to quit doing so?... Christian worship is a moveable experience when we become aware of the One in whom we live and move and have our being... The Christian church is a moveable experience. The church is not located on a corner - the building may be - but the Christian community of faith is not; it is a moveable experience. We need to hold this in our minds and experience the feast.' The Sacraments were administered by Bishop Shambin, Dr. J. Woodrow, Dr. M. T. Jackson, Sr., Reverend Carolyn P. Brannon, and Reverend Donald C. Cottrill.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Nell Read declared the Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women, Louisiana Conference, adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Examiners:
Ola Fisher
Betty Carlin

Evelyn Evans, Secretary
Nell Read, President

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING September 17, 1983

The Executive Committee of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women met at noon September 17, 1983 at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. Nell Read, president presided.

In attendance were Wanda Nelson, Evelyn Evans, Betty Rowell, Mary Margaret Barr, Mary Lou Blakeman, Mary Lou France, Georgie Dunbar, Margaret Mielke, Virginia Aswell, Lois Patten, Jane Scott, Alberta Springer, Ruth Allen, Lou Alexander, Pat Cobb, Fran Hall, Betty Carlin, Lottie Palazzo, Linda Shepherd, Helen Brock, Anne Hearn, Ola Fisher, Jackie Morgan, Bea Moak, Lueburda Myers, Sara Fugler, Maria Gremillion, Janelle McCammon, Johnnie Butler, Dorothy Abraham, Wilma Crosby, Nancy Carruth,

Norma Winegeart, Nell Read, and Taylor Phillips. Maryruth Nickels. Women's Division Staff Assigned to Region, was a guest.

WELCOME: Nell Read welcomed new committee members Lueburda Myers and Dorothy Abraham.

APPOINTMENTS - Nell Read announced the following appointments:

Administrative Committee - Nell Read, chairperson; Norma Winegeart, Evelyn Evans, Wanda Nelson, Lottie Palazzo, and Ola Fisher.

Committee on Program - Norma Winegeart, chairperson; Nell Read, Evelyn Evans, Wanda Nelson, Ola Fisher, Lottie Palazzo, Taylor Phillips, Anne Hearn, Lueburda Myers, Fran Hall, Johnnye Butler, Wilma Crosby, Betty Rowell, Janelle McCammon, Erelene Bradford, Sara Fugler, and Nancy Carruth.

Committee on Finance - Wanda Nelson, Chairperson; Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Evelyn Evans, Taylor Phillips, Anne Hearn, Linda Shepherd, Betty Blackman, 9 District Treasurers.

Committee on Membership - Fran Hall, chairperson; Nell Read, Lottie Palazzo, Norma Winegeart, 9 District Membership Chairpersons.

Committee on Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules - Judy Sandlin, chairperson; Janet Hoffpauir, Nell Read, Pat Cobb, Janelle McCammon, Mary Margaret Barr, Ola Fisher.

Committee on Annual Meeting Program - Wilma Crosby, chairperson; Linda Shepherd, vice chairperson; Nell Read, Audrey Milo, Louise Thomas, Norma Winegeart, Anita Bell, Lueburda Myers, Faye Barr-Hartung, Mary Margaret Barr. (Norma Winegeart made a motion that the pattern for selection of members of this committee be amended to read four others selected by the chairperson, approved by the conference president. Ola Fisher seconded the motion and it carried.)

Committee on Annual Report/Directory - Evelyn Evans, chairperson; Nell Read, and Wanda Nelson.

Committee on Place of Annual Meeting - Evelyn Evans, chairperson; Janelle McCammon, and Emily Wiley.

Committee on School of Christian Mission - Johnnye Butler, chairperson; Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Wanda Nelson, Evelyn Evans, Lottie Palazzo, Taylor Phillips, Ola Fisher, Anne Hearne, Lueburda Myers, Marian Eggerton, and Estelle Dameron.

The Executive Committee voted its approval of the appointments. The Committee on Legislative Concerns and the Committee on Implementation of Charter for Racial Justice Policies will be approved at District Elected Leader Training, October 15.

Mary Lou Blakeman and Nell Read will select a task group of two or three to choose the women to be nominated for inclusion in the Centennial Era Encyclopedia of 100 Women in Mission.

NEWSLETTER - Nancy Carruth, editor, announced that due to General Conference the deadline for the School of Christian Mission edition of the paper will be earlier. Information for the January edition of the paper is due January 1; the April edition (School of Christian Mission edition) is due March 1; and the August edition (Annual Meeting edition) is due mid-June.

ANNUAL MEETING 1983 - Helen Brock reported a final registration of 759. There

were 148 evaluations returned at the end of the meeting. Registration cards were distributed to district presidents. The Executive Committee expressed its appreciation to Helen and her committee.

OFFERING - Wanda Nelson reported that the Annual Meeting offering was \$1277.82.

BANNER - The Centennial Era banner was given to the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women by Walter and Helen Brock. It was created by Helen Fran Hall, Lucille Martin, and Reba Ory. Maryruth Nickels suggested that it would make an excellent cover picture for Response. On a motion by Mary Lou Blakeman, seconded by Mary Margaret Barr, the committee voted to display the banner whenever there is a conference meeting during the Centennial Era.

EVALUATION BLANKS - Nell Read distributed the blanks and asked for 100% return of them.

CALENDARS were distributed to new members of the committee.

The closing was given by Nell Read.

Examiners:

Jane Scott

Sara Fugler

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

Nell Read, President

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MINUTES October 15, 1983

The conference elected officers of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women held a brief meeting at District Elected Leader Training, October 15, 1983, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria.

Present were: Nell Read, Norma Winegeart, Wanda Nelson, Evelyn Evans, Ola Fisher, Taylor Phillip, Mary Lou Blakeman, Lottie Palazzo, Lueburda Myers, and Dorothy Abraham.

POLITICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP - The following dates for the workshop in 1984 were agreed upon for submission to Women's Division. They are listed in order of preference: 1) March 10, 2) April 7, 3) May 5, 4) September 29, 5) November 3.

CALENDAR - There will be a meeting of the Committees on Finance, Membership, Nominations, and Constitution, Bylaws, & Standing Rules on April 28, 1984. Norma Winegeart will contact Wilma Crosby about a meeting date for the Committee on Annual Meeting Program.

REGIONAL SCHOOL - Nell Read has written the school committee and extended an invitation for them at Centenary in 1985.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Wanda Nelson, Treasurer, reported that as of October 7, 1983, the conference had incurred A & MD expenses of \$38,656.05. There is only \$41,333.00 budgeted, so caution in spending was urged for the remainder of the year. On a motion by Evelyn Evans, seconded by Lueburda Myers, Wanda Nelson was authorized to use monies from Excess for Future Programming if necessary, to pay A & MD expenses. Financial reports for the School of Christian Mission and the third quarter were reviewed. A copy of these reports is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was adjourned by president Nell Read who presided.

Evelyn Evans, Secretary

EVENTS

WORLD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The World Development Workshop was held January 27-29, 1983 and had fifty-nine full-time registrants and fourteen parttime registrants. The participants covered a broad variety of churches, from the large downtown churches to rural churches, and every District was represented.

Issues workshops were a vital part of the program. The program design allowed each participant to take part in all three workshops. Subjects and leaders of the Issue Workshops were: Illiteracy and Education in Developing Countries, Reverend Chris Andrews; World Hunger, Dr. Bill Patrick and students from World Hunger Scholarship Fund; and Science and Technology in Developing Countries led by Florence Isaacs.

Plenaries were lead by Marilyn Winters and Dr. Paul Morton. Ms. Winter's plenary dealt with problems in Africa, particularly how the problem of racism continues to affect the developing nations. Dr. Morton dealt with the situations in Third World countries that produce large movements of refugees. There are presently 18 million refugees in the world and hunger is one of the biggest problems in refugee populations.

Verbal evaluations and a number of letters indicated a good response to material presented, some indicating that they had learned much new material, which was extremely timely, and which could be shared with local churches in programs, reports, district workshops and meetings, etc.

Evaluations of goals set by the committee will be best accomplished by the followup of the Workshop developing in the minds and hearts of those who studied together.

Anne Hearn, Chairperson

CONFERENCE RETREAT

The retreat at Seashore Methodist Assembly Grounds in Biloxi, Mississippi, March 18-20, 1983 was a "roaring success." There were 148 persons in attendance and 161 "at home" participants.

Elise Eslinger and Carol Winn joined their talents and understanding of the faith to lead the group in five dynamic sessions using the theme "Roads to Shalom." The five roads were (1) Road to Emmaus, the road we walk when hope dies, but a road where we meet One who walks with us; (2) Road Through Wilderness, the walk when we find ourselves free, but lost, not yet finding home; (3) Road to Damascus, the road where we meet One

who shows us we are saved by grace; (4) Road to Jericho, the road to service where we meet our wounded neighbor yet are afraid to get involved; and (5) Road to Jerusalem, the road that leads not only to the cross, but to the miracle of the empty tomb.

The retreat ended with the sharing of an "agape" meal. As we celebrated God-with-us through singing, praying, sharing scripture and Holy Communion, we saw the connection between God's vision for the world and the actions which bring the vision to reality.

Marian Eggerton, Chairperson

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

Harriet Williams, vice-president of the North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women, was the governor of the quinquennial meeting of the Southern Region of the World Federation of Methodist Women, held at Pearl Street AME Church, Jackson, Mississippi, May 20 and 21, 1983. Membership is composed of women from the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the United Methodist Church.

The theme for the meeting was "New Dimensions in Christian Living." Reverend Cathy Wells of the Mississippi Conference UMC directed the Bible study. Group topics and leaders were (1) Social Justice, Beulah C. Johnson, AME, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; (2) The Family, Lula G. Williams, AMEZ, former missionary, attended the 1981 Assembly of the WFMW in Hawaii; (3) Refugees, Dr. Arlynne Cheers, CME, Grambling University, Louisiana; and (4) Peace, Maryruth Nickels, UMC, staff of Women's Division, Nashville Region.

Your UMW Conference Representatives were Ruby Baker, Mary Margaret Barr, Lottie Palazzo, Elsie Terrell, and Norma Winegeart. The Louisiana Seminar of WFMW is scheduled to be held March 31, 1984, under the leadership of Princess Pegues, CME. United Methodist Women on this committee are Ruby Baker, Elsie Terrell, and Norma Winegeart.

The World Federation of Methodist Women invite you to join in prayers for peace daily at 7:00 a.m.

Norma Winegeart

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

The Conference School of Christian Mission had many rewarding aspects for mission. It developed leadership, spiritual growth, and promoted the total program of United Methodist Women. The School Committee chose a new direction by having the weekend school first. A flow of young and vibrant women came. They were courageous, creative, and ready to accept the greatest challenge of United Methodist Women's programming. They were enthusiastic and showed their Christian belief in describing their stay. This was a dynamic experience with so many of the 174 present for the weekend. The weekend school was a great success with the participants, however, the committee had several problems.

The weekday school brought 168 more matured ladies. They were inspirational and came for a complete study of the Bible. The ladies shared their marvelous experiences and showed their dedication and faithfulness to the many challenging aspects that will aid them to open new horizons for the development of the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

For both schools we had an overflow of "first-timers", 70 plus in number.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God for women who are consecrated and dream dreams of dedication that the School of Christian Mission will fulfill the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

Johnnye Butler, Dean

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADERS TRAINING

District Elected Leaders Training was held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Alexandria, on October 15, 1983. Theme for the workshop was "Catch the Vision of Teamwork."

Approximately 90 women came to receive inspiration, information about their particular responsibility and teambuilding, and fellowship. Evaluations from the group suggested, among other things, that future training provide more time with counterparts, training for sub-district leaders, and more materials in the program resource room.

Mary Lou Blakeman did an excellent job of presenting the need for teamwork in leadership. Members of Trinity United Methodist Church were very cooperative under the leadership of Christine Rone in supplying all requests and a delicious lunch. Wilma Crosby was a very efficient co-chairperson, but the geographic factor was a problem.

Lottie Palazzo, Chairperson

NEW OFFICERS TRAINING EVENT

The New Officer Training Event (NOTE) was held at the New York Penta Hotel and the Interchurch Center, New York City, New York, December 1-4, 1983.

There was three-fold purpose for N.O.T.E.: (1) To emphasize the biblical and theological basis of the Purpose of United Methodist Women; (2) To focus on the history, finances, current issues and concerns of the Women's Division which includes a forward look into the future; and (3) To focus on issues and concerns of the General Board of Global Ministries with special emphasis on the National and World Divisions and on Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department to provide training in the basic job responsibilities of Conference Elected Leaders of United Methodist Women.

The schedule of events for Thursday, in addition to the usual routine items, began with community building and introductions among the more than 190 conference participants along with 40 plus staff and guest facilitators and leaders.

Division president, Ruth Daugherty, and Assistant General Secretary, Barbara Campbell dialogued on the topic "A Focus on the History and Centennial of Women Organized for Mission." The dialogue was interspersed with visual enhancement of how it all started back in 1869 with the Foreign Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church. A filmstrip, "Until We Go Deeper" emphasized building on tomorrow.

Theressa Hoover, Associate General Secretary of Women's Division, gave the closing challenge highlighting the sessions and one of Women's Division's most recent books, Responsively Yours, which she authored. She pointed out that Women's Division is the only mainline religious group in the country for over 100 years under autonomous rule. And that we should always remember that United Methodist Women exist for the sake of the kingdom, therefore we must leave ourselves open to constant enlightening, growing,

and changing. As an organization, we have power and authority and there are times we must use it, but only tempered with understanding.

Lueburda Myers

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS FOR 1983

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

The Alexandria District United Methodist Women have had a varied, interesting year in keeping with the goals of the district and conference beginning in January with the executive committee giving the overall picture to the district and asking that they be included and informed of activities of the local units to which they could attend and contribute. Following this in February at First UMC, Alexandria, a Legislative and Financial Workshop with echoes from the World Development Conference which had been held in Baton Rouge.

Meeting in April at Camp Brewer, 47 members met for a day apart or retreat at which they had Nell Read as the speaker on the topic, "Called to Grow," with group discussion on the study of Hebrews. With a love feast following this, the group left with renewed hearts and resolves. At the executive meeting in May, Presidents came together to study the implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice with outcome to follow.

During the summer attendance was good at the School of Missions in Shreveport and the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge. Our officers attend the DELT at Trinity UMC, Alexandria, following this with LEOT at Pineville UMC. Our winter activity was a district Christmas party at Pineville UMC at which, in spite of the bad weather, those attending had a marvelous fellowship in keeping with the season and talent emerged adding impetus to the spirit.

The Centennial observance at the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge created interest in the district with local units contributing booklets, scrapbooks, posters, pictures, etc. to the Centennial Room. Quite a bit of preparation went into this and we realize anew how important local reporting really is!

Georgie Dunbar, District President

BATON ROUGE - HAMMOND DISTRICT

Our Local Elected Leaders Training in Kentwood was a well-attended day as we learned together our responsibilities as local and district officers. In April we tried a new way of presenting information to our district women. We divided our mission team into three groups and went out among the units to help them learn more about where the money goes and to understand the reason for giving. We conducted our Financial Promotion Workshop -- all on the same day -- at Jackson United Methodist Church, St. Luke's in Baton Rouge, and Hammond United Methodist Church. The evaluation was that this was a good way to present a workshop. In June we had a very successful "Day at the Legislature" -- we were filled to capacity -- not only did we visit committee meetings and the House and Senate in session -- we had lunch in the Representatives' Dining Room with Representative Richard Baker as our host! It was a great day!

Attendance at School of Christian Mission in July was a disappointment to me - only 19 from our district went to Shreveport -- so, we are challenging our women to plan to make this a part of their next year! The Denham Springs unit hosted our "Talk About" School of Mission in July and in August we were privileged to hear Dr. Hilda Arndt as our leader at "Day Apart" at Camp Istrouma.

The District Mission Team has been busy in addition to these districtwide events. We have visited many of the local units this year, presenting both the work of the United Methodist Women and the Centennial Program.

Lou Alexander, District President

BATON ROUGE - LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

This has been a splendid year for the Baton Rouge-Lafayette District United Methodist Women. The Annual Meeting was held in September at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and was the Centennial Celebration of 100 years as Methodist Women in mission. From all over Louisiana women came to mark this anniversary, to hear Ruth Daugherty, president of Women's Division, to rejoice in our heritage, and make plans for a future of witness and service.

The annual spring retreat was held at the Wesley Foundation on the campus of Southern University with Reverend Pearl Evans, co-pastor of Davidson UMC, Lafayette, as guest speaker. It was a beautiful, inspiring day with excellent attendance and good fellowship. A workshop on the Charter for Racial Justice Policies was conducted by Mrs. Estelle Dameron and Mrs. Erelene Bradford in June at First United Methodist Church, Lafayette. District officers, local presidents and vice-presidents attended this splendid presentation. One of the continuing goals for 1984 is the implementation of this charter in every church.

Eighteen women represented their units at School of Christian Mission and fifty-two studies were reported. This represents another increase toward our goal of representation in SCM from each local unit and more participation in studies! Two Leadership Round Tables were held in the fall at First United Methodist Church, New Iberia, and Hurst United Methodist Church Plaquemine. The response to these was exceptionally good as district officers led discussions and shared information with local women.

Communication continues to be strengthened, attendance and giving increased, and total involvement in the work of UMW enlarged. In 1984 we will continue to emphasize the Centennial Goals and work to strengthen weaker and inactive units.

Janelle McCammon, District President

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

"Joy of the Lord." This was the theme of our April retreat at Camp LeBlanc. The title expressed our joy at having over a hundred women there. We had tried for years to reach this goal. Our program was planned by our Mission Coordinator Mrs. Juanita Darby. Program given by Mrs. Chris Blanchard. Most all on the program were young women. That was good.

The study of the booklet on Implementation of Charter for Racial Justice Policies was held at Raymond. Local presidents were asked to come with the district executive committee. We had 11 churches represented there.

Many of our women attended School of Christian Mission. We had a larger weekend attendance than weekday for the first time. Eighty-four of our women traveled to Baton Rouge for the Annual Meeting in September. The District Annual Meeting was held at the new Welch United Methodist Church at Vinton with about 154 women attending. The program was entitled "Committed to Mission Tomorrow - Building on Yesterday." Our program chairperson, Mrs. Neva Bush, had women from the former Methodist Episcopal Church South and Evangelical United Brethren speak with Jeanette Kelley bringing it all

together.

Local Elected Leaders Training was held at Squyres Church with 51 attending. Had a good year, hope to have a better '84.

Betty Carlin, District President

MONROE DISTRICT

We did not reach all of our goals in the Monroe District for 1983. I suppose one of the purposes in having goals is that we will keep striving to reach them, and in doing so we are growing and reaching more of our objectives.

More units participated in the UMW Sunday. The women are beginning to look forward to this day and planning ahead for it. Our Retreat at Chemin-A-Haut Park as usual was a wonderful experience. Mrs. Woodrow Hearn (Anne) led our worship using the theme "Treasures of Life." She was excellent.

We had good attendance at School of Christian Mission. We held two mini-schools of mission in the district. One at Sevier Memorial United Methodist Church, Ferriday where Reverend Jim Wilson of Northeast Louisiana University Wesley Foundation led our study on "The Great Physician - Healing Stories of Luke." He did a very good job as always. The other mini-school was at Southside United Methodist Church in Monroe. We were fortunate to have Reverend Terry Willis of Ferriday to lead the study on Luke there. Attendance was not as good as we would have liked. Maybe better next year.

Our district Annual Meeting, held at First United Methodist Church, Lake Providence, was an excellent meeting. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Estelle Dameron as our speaker. She used the Purpose as the theme of her address. She was very inspirational and informative.

I deeply appreciate all the love and support I had from the women of our district, our executive family, and all our conference officers the last four years. I want to especially thank my district superintendent, Dr. Douglas McGuire, for his caring support. I feel that with God's help our district will have a better, more productive year under the leadership of our new president, Mary Pollard.

Bea Moak, District President

NEW ORLEANS - HOUMA DISTRICT

The New Orleans-Houma District had a very busy and productive year. We have completed three Local Elected Leaders Training workshops, in which, each was well attended. One was held in Houma for the convenience of all members in that area. The other two were held in the western and eastern part of the district with both weekday and Saturday, as well as day and evening sessions. The evaluation of each training session indicated the same - a desire for more time for the training periods.

Through our personal letters, newsletters and other communications and with the much needed help of the Shepherdess program and sub-district chairpersons, we were successful in reorganizing one unit and a second unit is in the process. Four new units are making plans to organize.

The District Christmas celebration was held as a Luncheon at the Holiday Inn with the District team and local presidents and members. We had a festive "togetherness" with thirty-seven in attendance. We are hoping as a result for more local participation in both conference and district programs.

We ask the prayers of the Conference and other Districts as we move to fulfill our goals, missions, and the purpose of serving God.

Margaret Mielke, District President

NEW ORLEANS - SLIDELL DISTRICT

In February, a workshop was held in Ponchatoula which combined aspects of the Legislative Training Event and the Christian Social Responsibility Interpretation workshops presented by the Conference. The leaders were Lou Alexander, president of the Baton Rouge-Hammond District UMW, Charmage Andrews of St. Mark's Community Center and Thomas Matheny, attorney and member of the United Methodist Judicial Council, in addition to several from within our district.

At our April District Executive Committee, with local presidents invited to attend, Amy Ward and Shirley Madden presented the booklet for implementation of the Charter for Racial Justice Policies. Plans are under way for getting this information to local units. We were pleased to have 43 from our district attend the Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College, enabling us to win the attendance banner. Our District School of Christian Mission was held in August at Grace UMC. Reverend Rick Hebert led the study on "Luke."

The Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge drew a large number from our district, launching the Centennial celebration which was carried over to our district Annual Meeting at Munholland UMC. Histories from several local units were featured.

We are proud to have organized a new unit, Ray Avenue, this year. It is a small, enthusiastic group.

Our District Pledge to Mission was overpaid and we thank God for the faith and generosity of our local units.

Pat Cobb, District President

RUSTON DISTRICT

In keeping with the Centennial Era emphasis of Women's Division, Ruston District chose the theme, "Called to Grow" for 1983. Our goals were designed to help both the women and the local units grow in breadth, depth, and height.

Eleven from our District attended the Conference Retreat at Biloxi and almost 70 participated in our District Retreat at Caney Conference Centre led by Norma Williamson of Starkville, Mississippi, on March 12. We held two spring District Meetings (identical programs) to share information from the Financial Promotion and World Development Workshops, with 81 in attendance at both.

Attendance at SCM almost doubled in 1983 and 80 participated in our Mini- School of Mission. Twenty-seven participated in the Centennial Observance Annual Meeting and Ruston District's Centennial Celebration honored local unit members who have been District, Conference, and Women's Division officers in the past.

Local Elected Leader Training was well attended with 18 of our 27 units represented. A new unit was organized at the Douglas Methodist Church although our total membership decreased to 1132 in 1983.

With increased participation in meetings beyond the local level, and increased giving to missions, we feel that our District is beginning to grow - if not yet in membership - we are

growing in our knowledge of God, and expanding our concepts of mission.

Mary Margaret Barr, District President

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Two Local Elected Leadership Training events, Mansfield UMC in Mansfield and St. Stephens UMC in Bossier City, were held. There were 31 units represented and 172 people attending. The theme for both events was "A Tale of Soup and Talents." Everyone brought canned food to be given to food banks and we were served soup to eat.

The second big event of the year was our CSRI Workshop hosted by First Church, Shreveport. Theme for this was "This Land Is Your Land, This Land is My Land." Areas covered were (1) media influence, (2) crime versus offender, (3) substance abuse, (4) today's family, and (5) economic challenges. One hundred attended.

Most churches in the District celebrated UMW Sunday in some way, but not all on the same Sunday. We had 10 from the District that traveled "The Roads to Shalom," our Conference Retreat at Biloxi, Mississippi. Our own district retreat was held at Caney Lake Centre in April. Laverne Mouser was the leader and 144 women came to share their ideas concerning "Woman's Influence Versus Man's Authority."

Our district had 66 people representing 27 churches attending the weekend and weekday School of Christian Mission. Then in September Blanchard hosted our Mini-School and there we had 75 people from 20 churches.

Fifty-one of our members traveled to Baton Rouge for the Conference Annual Meeting. Our District Annual Meeting was held at First Church, Bossier City, and Mrs. Anne Hearn was our guest speaker. "Christ is the Hope of the Word" was our theme.

All our units were contacted through newsletter, telephone calls, and a number by personal visits from the District Executive Committee.

We lost one member of our Executive Committee team by death and another had to resign because of her health. We were saddened by both.

Our pledge to mission was reached and surpassed with total undesignated giving being \$38,290.34.

Linda Shepherd, District President

THEORY OF THE EARTH

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LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE DISTRICT TREASURER:

March 15
June 15
September 15
December 10

DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE CONFERENCE TREASURER:

March 30
June 30
September 30
December 20

EXCELLENCE OF STUDIES

Send report on Reading Program to your DISTRICT
Christian Personhood Coordinator by December 1, 1984
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